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WHITEAWAY'S

Navy's Need of More Men And Ships

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr Alexander, he had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France which had altered the whole fabric of British strategy. The collapse of France gave the Germans now a naval Ally in Italy numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves. It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate—it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sail forth.

When the threat first loomed up, the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Nurvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St Jean de Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

Dunkirk Losses

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France. It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Consider-

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Goering Sees Antonescu

Vienna Conference

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Marshal Goering has had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, says a Vienna dispatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed "important military and economic questions of interest to both countries."

The talks were conducted "in a spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration."

Returns By Plane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BUCHAREST, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Antonescu, returned from Vienna by special plane this afternoon unaccompanied by the German economic expert, Herr Herman Neubacher, after conferring with Air-Marshal Goering at Vienna during the morning.

German View

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Informed German circles said to-day regarding the Vienna conference that "while the principal action of the conference centres around military questions they will probably include political questions, but no dramatic results are expected."

Japanese Withdrawals From Central China May Be Ruse

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Chinese authorities are of the opinion that despite the withdrawal of a few Japanese troops from Central China, Japan is still anxious to settle the China campaign before the large-scale southward push.

They said that the rumour of the evacuation of four provinces in Central China for the southward push was probably a smokescreen for an offensive somewhere else in Free China in view of the present concentration of mountain climbing units in

Kwonghui Occupied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Landing at Kwonghui, a port about 60 miles west of Macao on the southern coast of Kwangtung Province, Japanese Army forces have occupied the outskirts of the city while the main body pushed north and took Tushan, eight miles north of Kwonghui.

On the evening of March 3, Japanese forces captured Tai Shan, a town 20 miles north of Kwonghui on the west bank of the West River.

Hoppo Under Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—PAKHOL, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Hoppo, about 20 miles north of Pakhol, was

Epochal Achievement

CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Colonel Sakuma, Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China, has issued the following statement:

"The present operations in which surprise landings were effected at numerous points while still maintaining close communication along a

EDEN'S NOVEL PLAN TO FORESTALL NAZI ATTACK ON SALONIKA

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, MAR. 5 (UP).—ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, MR ANTHONY EDEN, WHILE IN ATHENS, PROPOSED THAT GREECE SHOULD CEDE THRACE TO TURKEY SO THAT BULGARIA WOULD HAVE NO COMMON FRONTIER WITH GREECE, WHEREUPON ANY GERMAN ATTEMPT TO REACH SALONIKA WOULD NECESSITATE VIOLATION OF TURKEY TERRITORY.

Additionally the British Legation has urged members of the British colony in Thrace to evacuate their families as soon as possible.

Thrace was peopled in the time of Herodotus and Thucydides by a vast number of different tribes. The earliest Greek poets, Orpheus, Linus, Musaeus, and others are all represented as coming from Thrace. The Thracian Chersonesus was probably colonised by the Greeks at an early period, but it did not contain any important Greek settlement till the migration of the first Miltiades to the country during the reign of Pisistratus. After the Persians had been driven out of Europe by the Greeks, the Thracians recovered their independence. Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, reduced the greater part of Thrace, and after the death of Alexander the country fell to the share of Lysimachus. It subsequently formed part of the Macedonian Dominions.

Salonica Landings Report

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—Almost one complete Canadian division has landed at Salonica, declares Signor Guido writing in the "Giornale d'Italia."

The newspaper's correspondent at Beirut reports that strong British forces are concentrated on the Palestine-Syria frontier, and he claims that Mr Anthony Eden, while visiting Ankara, attempted to persuade Ankara to attack Syria, but the Turks refused.

Mr Eden Ends Mission

ATHENS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister.

"Reuter" understands that the conversations were very satisfactory in all respects.

Mr Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Crowds in Athens still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr Eden and General Dill and the people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister this morning, General Dill visited the Greek hospital and the British canteen.

Call At Greek G.H.Q.

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—General Dill, called at the Greek G.H.Q. in Athens to-day, according to the Athens radio.

He was joined there by King George of Greece.

Execution Of Hardy Nords

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians condemned to death by the German military court at Bergen for espionage. The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

The report added that three fighters were lost, one enemy fighter was destroyed and several seriously damaged in dog-fights which were waged so high it was impossible to confirm their destruction.

German Version

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the British bombed Boulogne to-day, damaging a number of dwellings, German anti-aircraft guns broke up the enemy formations and a German fighter shot down one Spitfire.

The report said that German fighters engaged enemy fighters near the British coast and six Spitfires were shot down.

Bombless Day

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No bombs have been dropped in any part

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The communiqué adds that in Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, there is nothing of importance to report.

On all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

Nearing Addis Ababa

CAIRO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Ethiopian patriots have occupied the village of Munkusa, eight miles east of Debramarikos. They are being continually harassed by the advancing Abyssinians.

An Ethiopian battalion trained in the Sudan took a prominent part in these guerrilla tactics. The patriots are being joined by a large number of deserters from the enemy.

Burye Made Untenable

The R.A.F. recently gave much attention to making Burye untenable for the enemy. The latter put up desperate resistance for several days but were unable to hold out against the combined attack from land and air.

The latest batch of deserters from the enemy numbering 1,700 easily beats all previous records. The desertions indicate the extent of the demobilisation and disintegration of the native elements under the Duke of Aosta.

Valona Again Bombed

CAIRO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—British bombers have attacked warships off Valona in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué issued yesterday.

"With all transportation avenues closed, the American loan becomes of little consequence for with Chungking's exports and imports completely cut off the doom of that regime is sealed."

Two of all our aircraft engaged in Middle East activities failed to return.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Italians Killed By Own Shells

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SALONIKA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The afternoon newspapers report that furious artillery duels are going on along the central Albanian front following the failure of the latest violent Italian counter-attacks. Hundreds of Italians, making an effort to strengthen their fortifications, were caught by artillery cross fire. Scores of them were killed by their own shells.

GERMANS OVERRUN BULGARIA

Streaming Towards Greek Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (UP).—The newspaper "Pest" reporting from Sofia, says fresh German troops are arriving in Bulgaria and are concentrating at the main junctions of Plovdiv, Melne and Svalograd.

Berlin Evasive

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Queried regarding the foreign reports that German troops, contrary to the original German assertions, are actually near the Turk-Bulgarian frontier, authorised German sources to-day refused to give any information but added, "There can be a lot of changes in two days."

Troops Stream In

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—By train, lorry, bus and plane, German troops continue to stream through Bulgaria towards the Greek frontier.

The three main routes southward are described as "solid miles of mechanised material."

Sullen Peasants Watch

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Silent sullen crowds of country folk are watching the German army move south. The Bulgarian peasants are fully aware—that their food-supply will be as much decreased as the danger of war for their country is increased by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of the seven divisions that stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria. Overhead Junkers constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmitts are taking up new bases in south Bulgaria.

To-day's break with Britain will intensify the gloom that has swept the country with the entry of the Nazis. German police installed in the country towns are arrogantly directing mechanised transport southward. German railway officials were strutting up and down platforms at Sofia's main station when I left for Belgrade last night.

First Sandbags

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in the capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

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Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany.

British Acquiescence

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An agreement has been reached between Britain and Sweden whereby five Swedish ships from overseas ports will be able to sail for Gothenburg every month.

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Japanese Peasant Watch

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The inextricable connection of the Sino-Japanese war with the European war was the subject of an illuminating lecture to the Royal Central Asian Society by Mr H. D. Liem, the London correspondent of the "Central News" agency of China.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "Herrenvolk" of Asia. The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption, they gorged him by increasing persecution till he resented when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

Danger To Burma

Mr Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong reinforcements to Malaya but of the Dutch East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr Liem, was already suffering acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve war with Britain and America if she were boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan were warmly applauded.

Rendell Ordered To Leave Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

SOFIA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr George W. Rendell has been ordered back to London. He is going to Istanbul next Monday, or Tuesday at the latest with his entire staff.

Mr Rendell said he had left a meeting with the Bulgarian Premier, Professor Filoff, with the impression that Filoff was unduly confident of a German victory; however, he stated that Filoff had said practically nothing regarding the note after it had been presented.

He asserted that he had reminded Filoff that Mussolini was also confident of a German victory but suffered severely as a result. Others may also suffer."

He disclosed that the British note was addressed to M. Popoff as Foreign Minister but was handed to Prof. Filoff because M. Popoff is ill.

Blockade Imposed

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—It is officially announced that Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and that all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership are liable to seizure.

Reasons For Break

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In his note to Dr Bogdan

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GERMAN AIR ACE

—Now Said To Be In Canada

MAJOR Helmut Wick, 25, German air ace, who has been reported missing, is among several hundred Nazi airmen prisoners landed recently at an east Canadian port, American newspapers declare.

Major Wick is believed to have been shot down off the Isle of Wight (English Channel).

Bremen radio announced on Dec. 3 that he had not returned from a raid on England on Nov. 20.

He was in command of the Richthofen Squadron. The Germans credit him with having brought down 36 planes.

The Nazi prisoners landed are being interned in central Canada.

Two of the airmen who escaped after they were landed have been recaptured.

Chaplin On Track Of His Critics

Charlie Chaplin is to visit Brazil and other South American States, where his film "The Great Dictator" is being subjected to pro-Nazi opposition.

"I feel I can do more good there than by going to England," he says, according to New York "Variety."

"Pressure from Fascist groups" is reported from several countries, including Mexico, where the British anti-Nazi film, "Pastor Hall" has just been withdrawn, following Nazi protests.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.
2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

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8.30 Compositions of Delius.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

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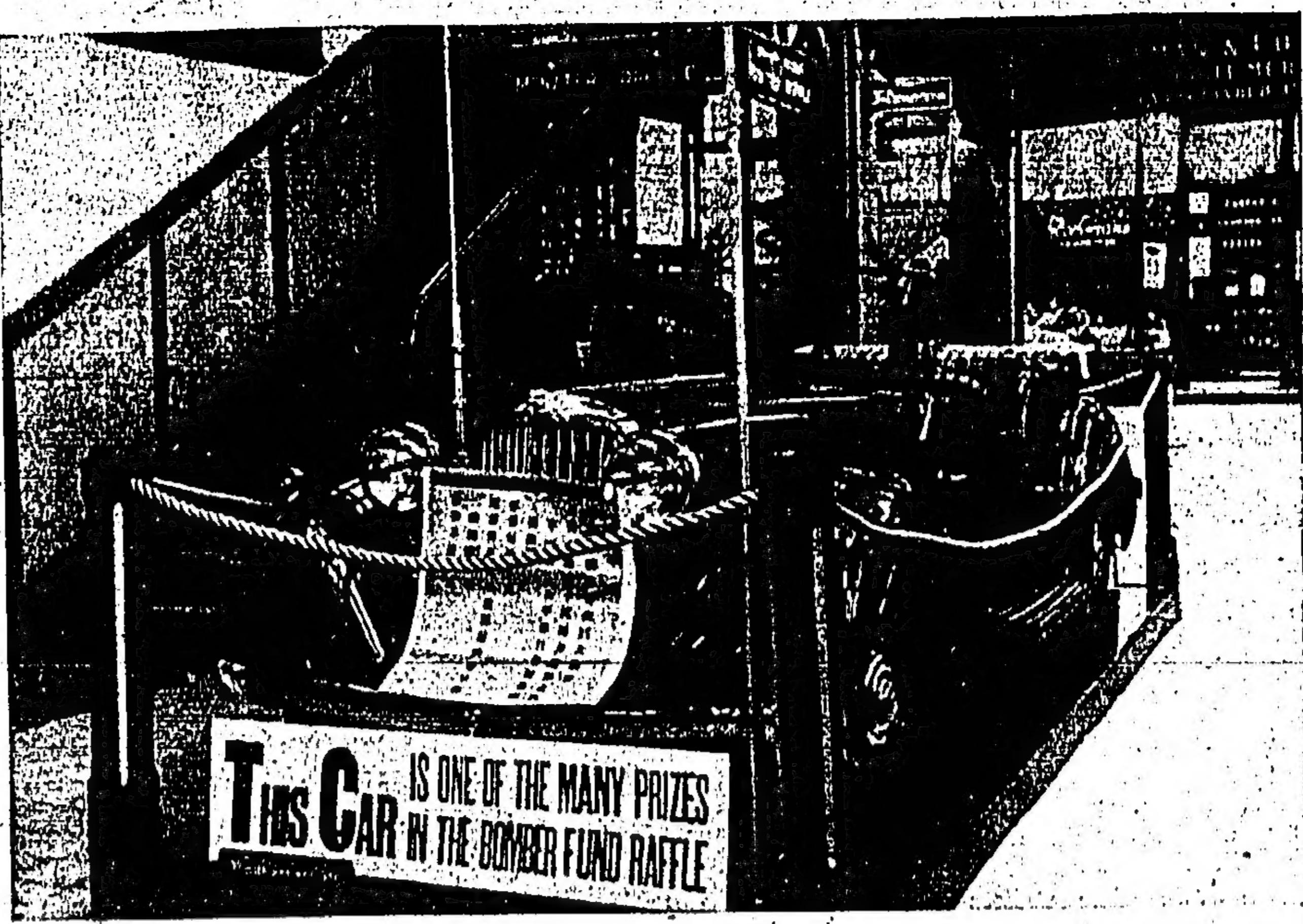
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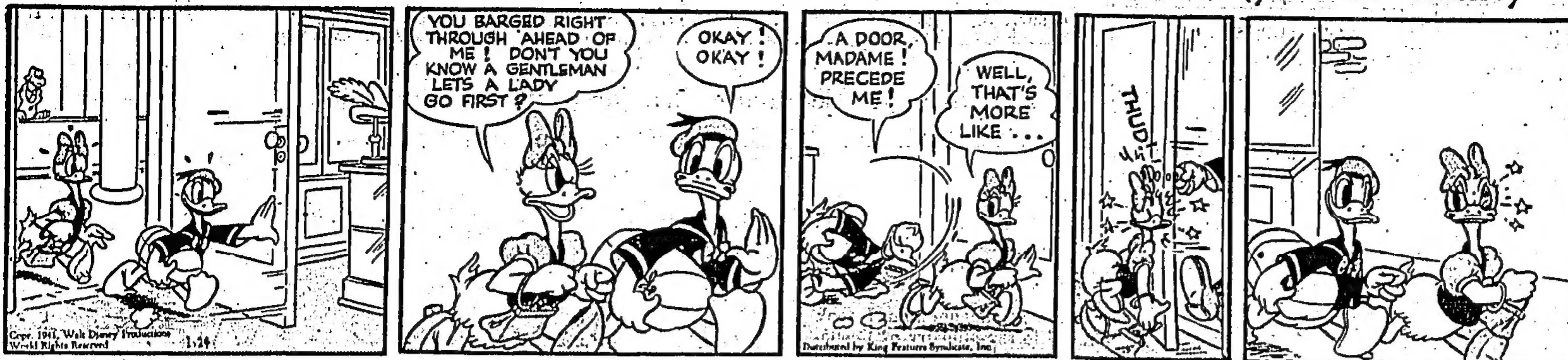
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11-Scallop shell	12-Turn inside out	13-Tend	14-Insurance	15-Varnish ingredient	16-Glossy compound	17-South American city (coll.)	18-Almond-like part	19-Colonial tender	20-Asperene possession
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PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR. MATSUOKA has given Mr Churchill a new assurance that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuoka is uttering bland assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Pakhol; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Bias Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armies from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient face a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and especially its unwieldy Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a good portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousand of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lanlau Island and Port Shelter, and, if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is provided by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here presented with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,

Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview with Maurice Webb, answers the question . . .

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

This is the question I took round to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. I put it, with many supplementaries, before some of the experts there.

Then I marched with my question along the corridors of the room of the man who plans and directs these mysterious but massive blockade operations, Hugh Dalton.

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Let me give you at once the conclusions I formed after hearing the confident, fact-supported answers I got from him.

1. By the end of 1941 the blockade of certain essential raw materials will seriously affect the quality, and to some extent the volume of enemy production.

2. Long before the end of the year—probably in the summer—the strain on enemy oil resources will be acute.

3. Before next winter our increasing disturbance of Germany's industrial and transport system will have caused a grave distributional crisis.

I submit those conclusions, not as optimistic prophecies, but as a considered and realistic assessment of coming events.

Summing It Up

Not all the answers I was given can be published. For obvious reasons much of the background to the blockade must remain secret.

But in support of the above affirmations about this riddle of 1941, let me give you some of Mr Dalton's statements to me.

I put to him my first general query about the prospects of the mounting effect of the blockade in 1941. This was his reply:

"I cannot volunteer a definite estimate of the probable results of the blockade in a given time in ignorance of other factors outside my control. Blockade does not work in a vacuum.

"It cannot win the war alone. Blockade is the permanent background against which military action is set. Until we know the probable scale of military operations, it is impossible to predict the extent to which blockade will affect the enemy's war effort."

"Allowing for these other factors," I asked, "how far will blockade eventually decide the issue of victory or defeat for Hitler?"

The Minister's answer showed his anxiety to set his picture in every part of that organism.

"We do not underestimate the effects on Germany's military superiority war preparedness, nor discount her vast remote consequence of the all-around pressure we are steadily exerting."

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I asked for an illustration of this possibility.

"Well, here is an example," was the reply. "By cutting off supplies of nickel and other steel-hardening alloys, as we are doing very effectively, the quality of the Nazis' guns, tanks and other weapons will suffer."

"He obtained much loot, which is quickly being used up. When it has gone he has millions more consumers to support."

"They want what Germany wants—rubber, oil, textiles, copper, tin and fats."

"I put in a reminder of the Nazi boast that Europe under

Can Our Blockade Win?

their control can be made self-supporting. "What have you to say to that?" I asked.

"It might be made so if they were left free to develop their synthetic processes, turn the transport systems upside down, and given a few years to accomplish a complete economic revolution."

"But the time and freedom of operation they want is just what we are not giving them."

"We work in close accord with the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the maximum industrial and

"But pre-war stocks and loot from the occupied territories are being used up, and in the area under German control there is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel."

"And so complicated is this artificial system that Hitler has no access to it in abundance. She has no reliance to utilise lack of bauxite, from which aluminum is made, for aircraft and to replace copper in non-vital places, is made."

"Both these commodities have been destroyed of made available by her recent conquests, and confer an advantage one point radiates reaching waves of disturbance right across the Continent."

Here I raised the question of Hitler's "Ersatz system" to which the Minister had referred. "Can you explain that more precisely?" I inquired.

"Well, here is an example. Transport is a major weakness for the Nazis," Mr Dalton replied. "The natural way into Germany is from the Western ports. All the transport routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use for urgent war purposes the reverse route normally used nearly 11 million tons from the Eastern side."

"I invited Mr Dalton to develop his point about "all-round pressure." Assuming all of Rumania's output of oil production, including a high estimate of synthetic production and assuming all of Rumania's output of over six millions is available, only amounts to around 11 million tons. That leaves a gap of 14 million tons between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can get hold of all existing European supplies."

"I would not say the pressure was complete," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way through any blockade, however skillfully devised. But I can say that the leeks are comparatively unimportant."

"We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

"With the most drastic restrictions on non-military consumption, and allowing for the accumulation of war pre-war stocks, that gap is too wide to be comfortable for a nation engaged in modern mechanised warfare."

"Everything said of the distribution and transport problems in respect of coal can be applied to oil—only more so."

"Rumania's oil used to be transported chiefly by sea. Now no oil can reach Hitler by sea, and while we control the Eastern Mediterranean, Germany must depend on congested rail and river transport from Rumania."

"I do not think Germany will actually be able to transport much more than half Rumania's total output. And don't forget we are bombing synthetic oil plants, refineries and vital rail centres incessantly."

"Far East Route

"What about supplies from Russia and the Far East?" was my next query.

"I suppose you have in mind the old Vladivostok problem," the Minister retorted. "Well, you need not worry much on that score. There are vast transport problems to be faced before goods in any quantity can get through from that area or the Far East. What is passing through is a mere trickle. And we keep a sharp eye even on that trickle."

"I must confess that the amount of cotton passing by this route is one of our present problems, and will be dealt with."

"Transport problems?" I suggested. "It seems to be a major source of Nazi headaches?"

"Quite right. They are all part of the distributional crisis I spoke of earlier. Long before the war Germany's railways were feeling the strain of the unnatural burden to which they were subjected."

"This burden is now intensified tenfold. Just think of the pre-war volume of imports by sea to Germany alone—to say nothing of the territories."

"Of that volume a great deal is cut off, without redress, by our sea blockade, but all the rest is thrown on to the railways of Europe."

"Germany may steal rolling stock from her victims, cut down passenger services to 30 per cent, pre-war services or less, but the problem remains, and we expect to see some interesting results in this field in 1941."

"Take the distribution of coal, for example. On paper Germany has plenty of coal. And yet recent evidence shows that in many places the situation is serious."

Fourth Article

**RIDDLES
OF
1941**

"There is one answer. Transport. Coal is desperately needed to maintain German exports—by rail again and to feed her expensive 'Ersatz' industries. But coal is a bulky thing to transport."

"Road transport apart from its inability to replace bulk transport by rail, devours precious petrol and oil."

Facts For Germany

By this time our Economic Warfare Chief was in full stride across the room again.

I got him back to his chair and studied reflection by this straight query:

"What are the real facts about the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the 'I don't want to exaggerate Germany's shortages.'

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But what of oil, the key commodity of modern war?

When I brought this question up I reminded the Minister that he was being criticised for over-optimism on his score."

He gave one of his high-explosive laughs.

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"Total peacetime consumption of oil in Continental Europe west of the Soviet is something like 25 million tons. Of this Germany and Italy normally used nearly 11 million tons."

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FASCISTS IN SPAIN Legal Privileges

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Members of the National Council of the Falange (Fascist) Party have been given a privileged position with regard to the law, under a decree published to-day. The decree states that no National Councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the Party, unless caught in *flagrante delicto*, in which case the head of the Party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against National Councillors but only subject to the authorisation of the President of the Foreign Political Board. Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by an order of special judicial authorities who are empowered under the new law to try them in cases other than *flagrante delicto*.

English Harvest

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—None will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, to-day. He said that this announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.

Camberra-Tokyo Relations

TOKYO, Mr. 5 (Reuter).—Commenting on the recent speech of Mr. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, a Government spokesman said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair. Until now they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint. Now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic point of view."

Prince Konoye Leaves Sickroom For Palace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Domei).—The Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, proceeded to the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Received in audience by the Emperor, the Premier reported to the Throne on political affairs under his jurisdiction.

BAZAAR FOR CHARITY

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall will open the charity bazaar sponsored by the Women's Advisory Committee of the Hongkong branch of the National Association for the promotion of the New Life Movement, in St John's Hall, at the University, to-morrow.

Miss Hu Mu-lin, daughter of the late Mr Hu Hsin-min, former member of the Kuomintang, will be in charge of the bazaar. A number of schools, department stores and factories are contributing merchandise.

A.R.P. Orders Issued

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. L. Gandy-Perry, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, Attestation Meetings.

There will be no attestation in Hongkong or in Kowloon next week.

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:

452 Miss A. Xavier, 114 Lan Kwai-fong, 4th floor.

452 Miss Lai Po-ying (W.), Deputy Divisional Warden N. H. Wong (Western), 2411 Wong Wing-sang and 2707 Wong Kwan-mow (Shamshui-po).

Deputy Divisional Warden P. L. Wong, 15th floor, 6 Fuk Lo Tsui Rd., 2nd floor.

452 Miss Lau Pui-yau (K.C.Y.) to 5 Shick Pak Road, 2nd floor (Y.).

3102 Lai Siu-wat (E.) to Po Iling Co., Old Main Street (A).

452 Miss Lai Po-ying (W.) to 1 Kat U Fong, West 1st floor (C).

1055 Chui Shui-yin (H.I.K.) to 335 Tat Nam St., ground floor (S. E. P.).

452 Miss Yee Yee Yuen Shui-hung (C.) to Asia Co. Store, Queen Mary Hospital, Upper Levels.

Divisional Warden A. Hyde-Lay (E) to 2143 Poole Kam-wan, (W) to 12 Hennessy Road, 1st floor (E).

409 Tung Kong-noo (F) to 67 Queen's Road, S.W. 110 Laik Wo-chung (Q) to 93 Main Street, 2nd floor (A).

Applauded.

The following appointment is notified with effect from Mar. 1, 1941, 2000 A. Palce to be District Warden, Stanley.

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Extension Results

The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:

Leung Kin-hung, Choi Yick-hang, and Tse Ping-hang.

Strength Increase

The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:

Western—3602 Chan Kin, 3605 Lee Mui, 3607 Miss Leung Wai-kay, 3610 Mak Tsin-wan, 3611 Miss Pien-pau, 3612 Poon Po-cheung, 3613 Wong Hoa.

Aberdeen—3540 Choy Wing-chu,

Upper Levels—1602 Ho Shan-cheung,

Central—3570 Luk Pui-ting, 3580 Woo Yu-kwong, 3582 Tang Shun-chee,

Eastern—3322 Ma Sun-hang, 3300 Miss Tse Yee-ye, 3322 C. D. Brown.

(Engd.) D. H. Puckle.

Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Hsu Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mr Hsu Shih-ying attended this afternoon's session of the People's Political Council, which he has been attending since Saturday. He said that it was nonsense to say he had been in Hongkong meeting anybody.

MEDICAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association was held in the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, last evening. The proceedings were of a private nature.

Navy's Need of More Men And Ships

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able losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers. By skill, seamanship and devotion to duty, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll that he had confidently anticipated, but the Navy was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

By swinging strides, however, we have immeasurably improved our position. With forces initially much inferior, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as her.

In every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that units of the Italian Navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales

During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with only the ships which you profess to have sunk."

Coming Into Service

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval Power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence and skill of the management have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed one enemy battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels and 15 supply ships in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarine forces have destroyed something like 100 enemy mines and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

In Mediterranean

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to dovetail into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of Italian prisoners and even pumping water ashore to the thirsty troops.

Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. The next seven months remained obstinately at an average just under 90,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot-lurking mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines.

Hongkong Refugees Increasing Slight Rise Of Numbers In Government Camps

Figures of refugees and destitutes in Government camps here for March 1, supplied by the Medical authorities, are printed below with figures of February 22 in brackets:

King's Park 1,307 (1,301); Mau-tai-chung 1,001 (1,050); North Point 1,495 (1,463); Morrison Hill 625 (633); Tai Hang squatters camp 2,557 (2,557); Ngau Tau Kok squatters camp 708 (708); Kam Tin 1,048 (1,020); Fanling Children's Camp 329 (320).

The grand total for March 1 was 10,449, as compared with 10,364 on February 22, showing an increase of 85.

REFUGEE SETTLEMENT SCHEME

At Lantau And Hebe Haven

Inquiry yesterday disclosed that the plan for establishing refugee settlements on Lantau Island and at Hebe Haven, to serve both emergency and permanent purposes, is in mere tentative suggestion or experimental invitation. Government is going ahead with it at once, in anticipation of immediate response from the homeless and from such sections of the poorer classes as would feel happier and safer in hygienic open rural environment than in the congested urban areas.

A party of officials is to visit the selected areas this week and to begin the preliminary work. This will consist of erection of reception, administrative and medical huts, demarcation of sites for the living huts and arrangements for accommodation, feeding and care.

Government hopes that many of the residents will be able to erect their own huts, for which Government will make material available. Until these buildings are completed, Government will provide.

The pioneer party will include Mr. S. F. Balfour (District Officer South), Dr J. B. Mackie (Medical Department) and Mr F. W. Kendall (Public Works Department).

Colony Chess

Championship Tables To Date

L. Karpovich, with 4.5 points, leads the Senior Chess Championship. A. Y. Birukoff, Un Kwai-yung, J. Grefaldia, V. V. Rotolashoff, A. Kurrik and W. Lett tie for leadership in the Junior event.

In the latest Senior matches Karpovich beat C. M. Sequela and G. S. Coxhead. In the Junior competition Kurrik beat Grefaldia and Un beat A. Morton.

Senior

	P. W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	5	4	1	4.5
C. M. Sequela	6	3	2	3.5
G. S. Coxhead	5	3	2	3
J. C. Weiss	6	2	2	3
E. Zimmerman	4	2	1	2.5
D. E. de Carvalho	8	0	1	2

Junior

	P. W.	D.	L.	Pts.
A. Y. Birukoff	2	2	0	2
Un Kwai-yung	3	2	0	2
J. Grefaldia	3	2	0	2
V. V. Rotolashoff	3	2	0	2
A. Kurrik	3	2	0	2
W. Lett	3	2	0	2
J. Taus	1	1	0	1
R. C. Danenberg	2	1	0	1
To Yee-kuu	1	0	0	1
E. M. Grefaldia	2	0	0	2
J. H. d'Almeida	2	0	0	2
R. C. Gardener	2	0	0	2
A. Morton	3	0	0	3
D. Drake	0	0	0	0
A. C. Fouard	0	0	0	0

Badminton

League Matches Yesterday

KEENEST struggle in the "B" Division of the Badminton League was seen at the St John's v. Kowloon C.C. match last night. The former emerged winners 5-4. Once again H. Eardley and D. Kvok proved the strong men of the St John's team and with three victories offset the three defeats sustained by R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd.

It was touch-and-go, however, for several of the matches might very well have gone the other way. This was the game in which N. L. Smith and P. Wilson beat J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazell

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Prepared For Interport With Macao

Hongkong XI

THE HONGKONG team is: Goal-keeper—V. M. Benwell, Backs—V. C. Bond and J. Goncalves. Halves—R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley. Forwards—Karminder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown. Reserves—A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith.

Army Rugby League

R. Artillery Trounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Artillery trouncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers ousting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Sappers scored in the first half through Sheldrake. In the corner just before the half-time whistle Sappers were penalised inside their '25' line but Millar's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Sappers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Millar failed.

Gunners Superior

GUNNERS were far too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touchline. But Gunners were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunners dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Addison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunners, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards crossing the line near the posts.

Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 10:

Banter (Scots); Brughley (Navy); Fraser (Scots); Captain (Midshipman); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Middlesex); E. Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Rutherford (Club).

Reserves—Lapaley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Hosack (Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); Henry (Navy); Manager, Capt. R. E. Guest (Middlesex).

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The RITZ—North Point

Problem Of Defence: Full-backs Vulnerable But Halves Sound

ALL IS IN READINESS for the big match between Hongkong and Macao to be played at Macao next Sunday. Hongkong will embark on its eighth Interport fixture having won three, drawn two and lost two.

With anything like good weather hopes run high for a large attendance, for the Colony team is always a great attraction in the Portuguese port.

In our team there are four new "caps", and these are R. Marques (Recreio), Karminder Singh (Khalsa), B. Gosano (Recreio) and H. L. Ozorio (Recreio).

I need not say that there is a feeling in some circles that our backs are none too strong, and it is to be hoped that they will face up to the Portuguese forwards.

Here, in my view, is where may be found the weak spot of our defence. But one can only trust that Bond and Goncalves will rise to the occasion.

Benwell, our goalkeeper, has been none too brilliant of late. The Club and Y.M.C.A. man has his days, and I hope that one of those days will be next Sunday.

Sound Halves

WE have sound strength in our halves. R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley may be expected to give a good account of themselves. They well know the Portuguese forward play and will act accordingly. If the first named is in anything like the form we have seen of late, he will prove a rare stumbling block to the opposing left flank. He is a grand tackler and worker, and I congratulate him on a success so long deserved.

We all know what Reed has done in the centre during the past—he needs no further introduction.

On comparative form I would have preferred Tony Alves at left-half to Whitley, but the Selectors have made their decision, and Norman, last year, gave a good account of himself alongside Reed, and in the circumstances it is sound policy.

It is a common truism that the "brains" of the attack is usually in the halves. One must stand or fall on that elementary fact, and here is shown our greatest strength.

Fair Attack

IN comparison to Macao's attack, which was seen against Recreio a week ago, the Colony forwards may be termed "fair". Karminder Singh and Gurbachan Singh, the Khalsa team-mates, form a useful right flank combination. The former is young and speedy and centres with great accuracy. The latter is a clever inside forward with good stick-work, and is a good shot.

They will have to bear the brunt of the Colony attack.

B. Gosano, the leader of the Colony attack, is a surprise selection, and if not highlight, is a hard-working centre-forward. His football sense and experience should serve him in good stead. Speed is his greatest asset.

H. L. Ozorio has shown good form in the trials and one hopes that he and Brown can make a blend on the left wing.

The non-appearance of E. Fowler, the C.B.A. and Club forward, is a

DIFFICULT DUTIES OF A LEFT BACK Positioning To Advantage

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION but that the position of a left back is far from being the easiest on the field, as he has often to tackle on the left side should there be no time to get around to the right.

Championship Schedule For Next Week

FIRST MATCHES in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played next week, commencing on March 13 at King's College.

The programme arranged will be:

March 13 at King's College

Men's Junior Doubles—L. Anderson v. H. Wong; 7 p.m.—P. A. Yanovich v. H. Dingdale, 7.45.

Men's Senior Singles—S. Amplavaray v. P. K. Hoob; Men's Junior Doubles—T. S. Young and M. Kung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Kho, 9.15.

March 14 at Tukoo

Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley, 9 p.m.

Men's Junior Doubles—F. and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (N.S.); Men's Doubles—N. A. Beltrao v. M. Tahan and Odele, 6.20.

March 15 at King's College

Men's Junior Doubles—P. C. Leung and K. C. Chin v. E. A. Alves and P. P. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. Hool and T. B. Tech, 7.45.

P. A. Yanovich and B. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, 8 p.m.

Mixed Doubles—E. Gheesip and Miss F. Wong v. H. C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15.

March 20 at Tukoo

Men's Junior Doubles—J. L. Anderson and W. G. Goh v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Chou, 9 p.m.

Men's Junior Singles—R. M. Lavallie v. Peter Lo, 7.45; T. S. Young v. J. Tsang, 8.30.

Mixed Doubles—E. Gheesip and Miss F. Wong v. H. C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15.

March 21 at Tukoo

Men's Senior Singles—E. Z. Zimmoen v. J. Fisco, 8 p.m.

Men's Senior Doubles—K. W. Choy and B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves, 8.45.

Mixed Doubles—D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, 9.15.

surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skillful player.

Forward Weakness

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony attack in past years has depended on the incisiveness of the forward line. This year, in particular, without the aid of the Services, this has been the main weakness—the inability to obtain a combination that is eminently desirable in an Inter-port eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture on their home ground, and this they did when they beat Macao last year 3-1. Playing on their home ground, Macao will be out to reverse that decision, though this has not occurred before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may serve up a surprise. One only hopes

Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following:

Goal-keeper—C. C. Almada. Backs—R. Rosario and A. Basato.

Halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Alroa and J. Santos Ferreira.

Forwards—F. Nolasco, Albert Alroa, P. Angelito, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelito.

Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gustavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

Random Jottings

Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering.

He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selectors owe him an apology.

At this stage it is useless crying over spilt milk—milk-spilt—but I would like the Selectors to bear in mind for the future that if a job of this nature is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

To do this successfully, he must have complete control of his reversed stick with his left hand, as, if he uses the right hand, he is almost sure to foul badly.

To do this tolerably well is one of the few really difficult strokes of the game, but how and when exactly to put it into execution is not easy to describe.

When he is running alongside and on the left of an opponent he must match his opportunity, and with a quick turn of the wrist flick the ball out and to the right and behind. This gives him a chance of darting behind the opponent to either hit or push the ball clear.

In stopping a centre from the right wing he may not always be in a position to clear instantaneously, as he will almost always be facing the sideline from whence the ball has come. An alert inside right or centre-forward will be on him without wasting time and it is them that he must be cool and use his head in clearing.

Positional Importance

THE left back should always endeavour, as far as possible, to be in such a position that he is able to tackle his opponent direct and not from the left.

In the case of the opposing inside-right, it will help the back to be successful if he keeps slightly to the left of his own left—the forward. And much, if not all, that has been said about the right back applies equally to the left.

Players are also reminded that the Interport team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m. on Friday where a discussion will be held with regard to the team in general and the selection of the Captain.

The obvious choice is W. A.

Reed, who is playing in his eighth Interport. This record has never been reached by any other player in the Colony.

The new captain, when nominated, will "tip" the team as to how our opponents should be defeated. This, by the way, is at the instigation of the Selectors.

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A MEETING of the Umpires Association will take place tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are welcome.

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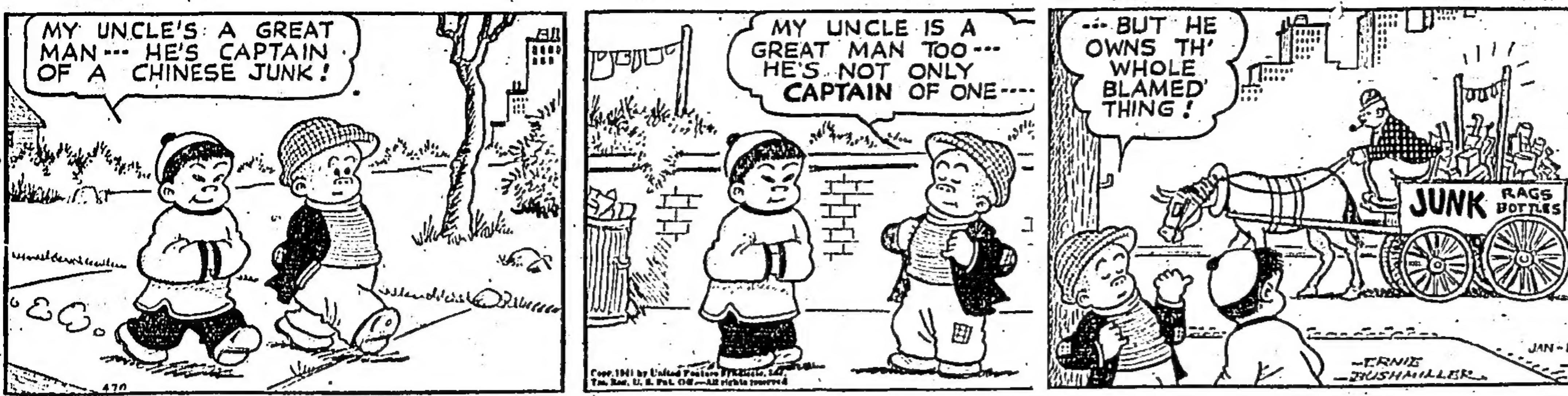
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Husband's Mistake

Wrong Co-Respondent Named in New A.D.C. Show

When Sarah Bendish left her husband eight years ago, she wrote him a farewell note. But her handwriting was so difficult to read that it caused him to name the wrong man, Nicholas Flack, as co-respondent.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant-staying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the true co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He was making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappeared. Since she had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hints in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple."

Complications

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young, twin nephew and niece added to the complications while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and the village inn, was not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous "Punch" writer.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. R. Wharton as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

The Hongkong A.D.C. are presenting the comedy at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The booking is now open at Anderson's Music Co., Ice House Street.

PROMOTED ON FIELD AT 13



Thirteen-year-old hero of the Greek war in Albania, Anastasios Charalambopoulos was promoted lance-corporal on the field and was congratulated by the Greek Prime Minister.

He followed his father to the front, hiding in the troop train, and was instrumental in capturing a number of Italian spies who were using a secret radio.

OCTOGENARIAN'S GIFT

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council received a special donation yesterday, when Mr Jan Con-song, of Kowloon, who celebrated his 81st birthday this year, gave \$50 to the Council to feed 4,000 people for one day, as part of his birthday celebrations.

Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,590,019.31 was reached yesterday for the War Fund, inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

G. F. (second donation)	\$ 10
G. H. S. (seventh donation)	5
G. H. M. (eighth donation)	15
H. F. O. (sixth donation)	10
A. C. S. (seventh donation)	10
Hongkong Legion Donations Society, Gloucester, London, Granophone Player (Feb.)	100
"Freda"	20
Mr. J. G. Blinenden (monthly donation)	25
Mr and Mrs C. L. Crampont	100
Mr and Mrs A. P. Perera (monthly donation)	5
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. (proceeds of band Concert at Peninsula Hotel on 2nd March, 1941)	350

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association has now received the following donations and subscriptions:

Mr. Kom-tong	\$500
Parsons, proceeds Charity Theatrical Performances, Dr. R. H. Stogdale	\$100
M. L. Lee	\$100
Mr. D. K. P. Samy, \$25	
Neil E. Elliott, \$10	
James Bertram, \$5	
M. C. Tang, \$5	
Cynthia Liao, \$5	
Kathleen J. Lynn, \$5	
B. Wong, Tape, \$5	
Law Shuk-kwong, \$5	
Dr. Mrs. Frommer, \$5	

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Business recorded during the morning was only meagre.

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,340
Union Ins. \$413
Providents \$575
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Trams \$16.50
Lights "O" \$6.15
Telephones "N" \$8.00
Sellers
Trams \$16.75
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,345
Unions \$417
Cements \$10.95
Watsons \$10.70

Fourteen Cases Of Cholera In A Day

There has been a sudden serious resurgence of Cholera in the Colony, no fewer than 14 cases being reported yesterday. There were two cases on Monday and two during the week-end, some of the cases being of a virulent type.

Coming in this period of cold weather, this sudden outbreak is unusual and therefore alarming. Some special cause is suspected, and it is noted that there have been some 20 cases since the black-out exercises last week. Two of the cases developed in Victoria Gaol, among newly arrested prisoners. The Medical Authorities report that, during the black-out, some dumping of night-soil by carrying coolies in the streets took place, and the inference is that this is in some part responsible. It is also pointed out, however, that following the extensive epidemics of Cholera over the past few years, there must be carriers, people who had mild attacks unknown to the authorities, who are potential menaces to the community and who spread infection wherever conditions deteriorate.

Special Appeal

The Health Authorities make an urgent appeal to the public to take their own precautions at once. The Director of Medical Services, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, mentioned the matter last night at the Medical Conference, when he requested private practitioners to urge inoculation.

All who have not been inoculated for six months, should obtain inoculation immediately. All serious cases of Diarrhoea should be reported at once to the nearest Health Officer.

The Government is immediately making inoculation available at the Queen Mary and Kowloon Hospitals.

Precautions to Take

The following precautions to be taken against Cholera are urged by the Medical Authorities:

(1) Boil milk and water before drinking. Do not drink fruit juices and aerated waters, unless made by a reliable firm.

(2) Do not eat fresh, uncooked vegetables—or ice-cream—unless made from boiled materials.

(3) Protect all food from flies and cockroaches.

(4) Regard flies as public enemy No. 1 and wage constant war upon them. Do not allow conditions on your premises or in your gardens which attract flies or provide places in which they can breed. Deal similarly with cockroaches and other vermin.

(5) Burn, or keep in covered re-

ceptacles for daily removal, all refuse.

(6) Keep water closets, privies and receptacles for human waste, sweet and drypan system exists, employ reliable persons to remove to the disposal barges or other disposal areas designed by the Health Authorities.

(7) Report to the nearest doctor, hospital or dispensary all cases of looseness of bowels, especially when accompanied by vomiting and cramp in stomach and legs.

(8) Secure inoculation against Cholera. Send your families and employees for inoculation. Secure this service from your own doctor if possible.

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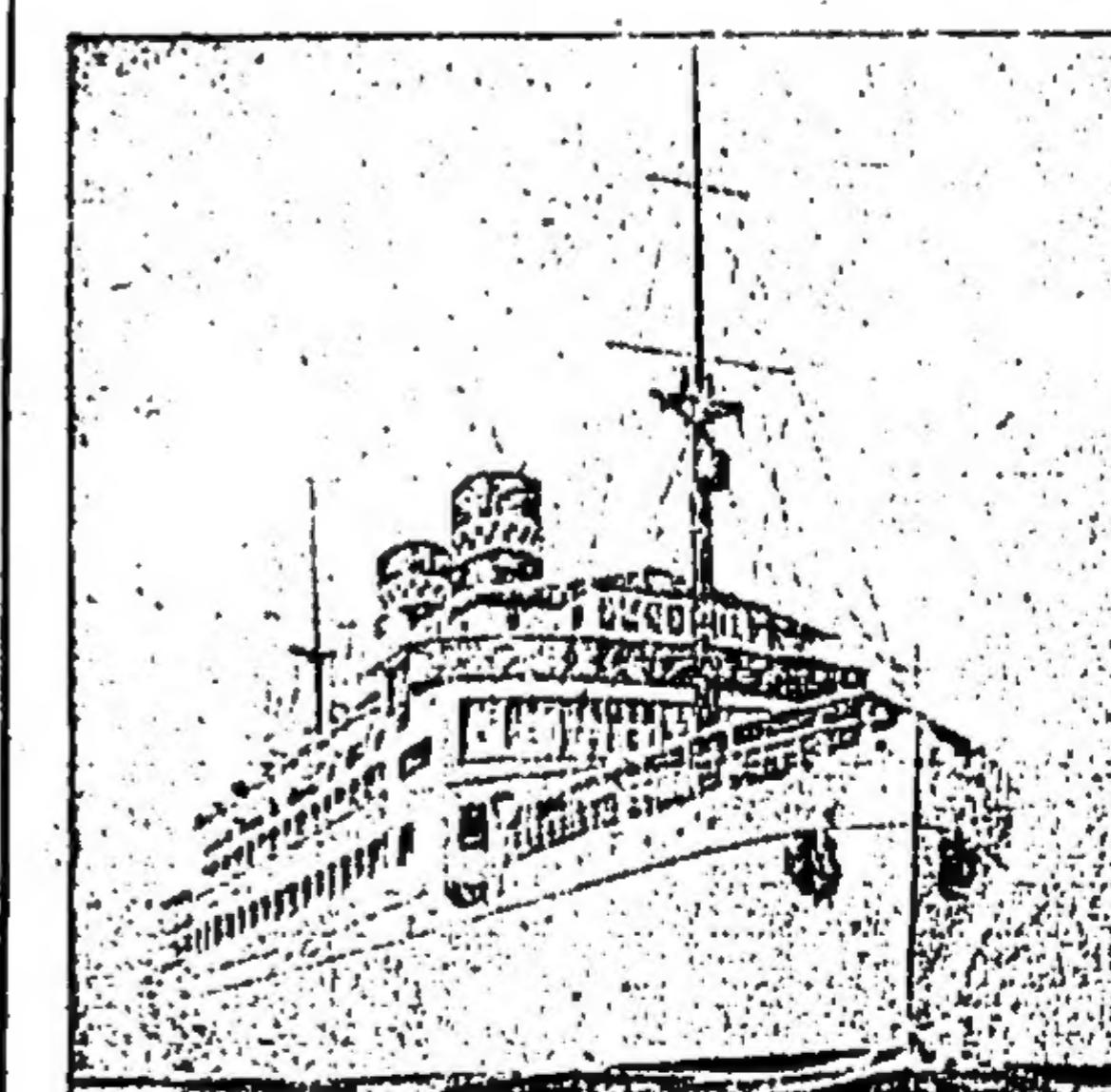
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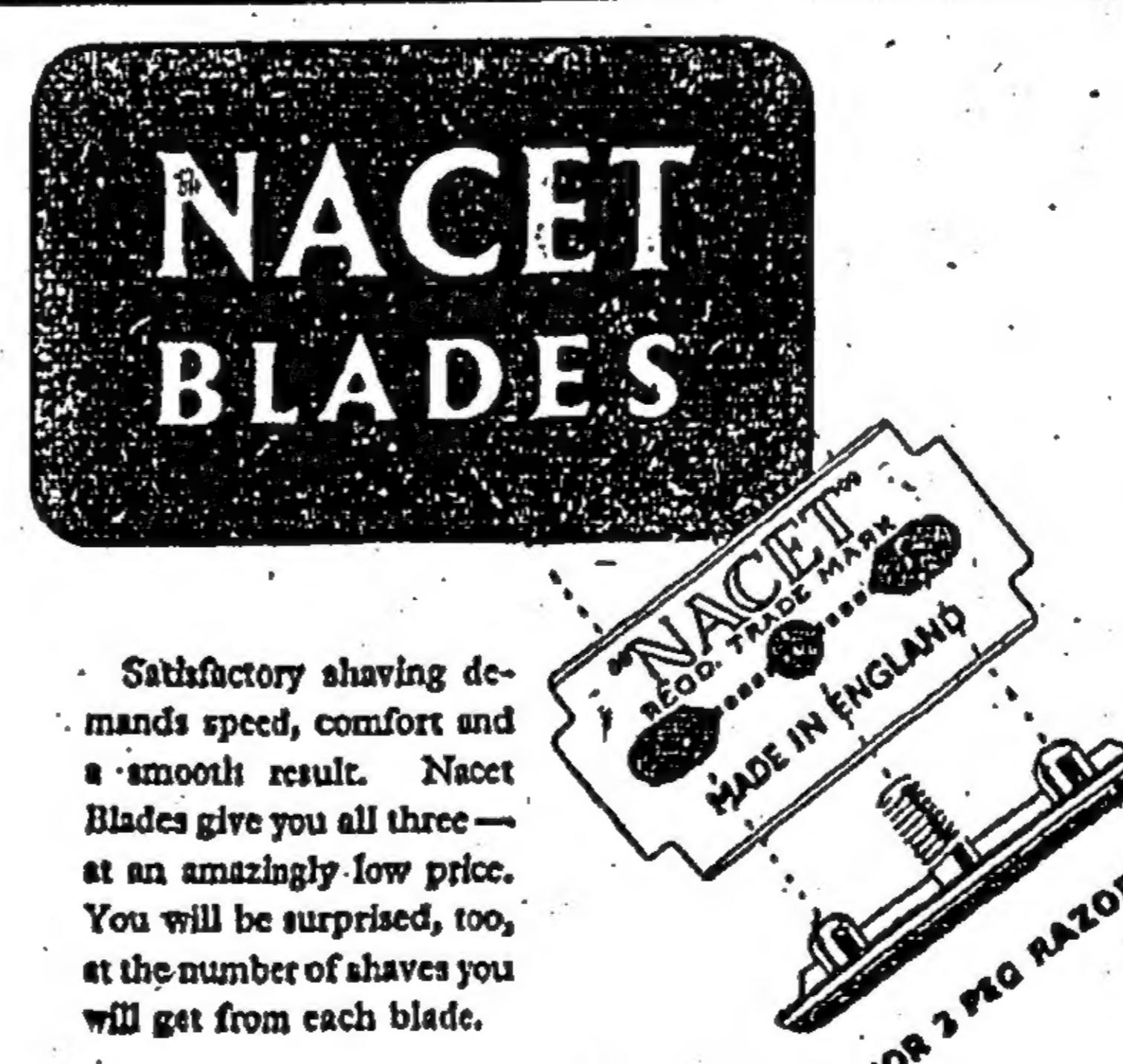
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Goebbels Must Have Told A Fib!

Athenia Sinking Cat Out Of Bag

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In a special commentary in Lausanne to-day, Berlin correspondent makes the unexpected announcement that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia at the beginning of the war. When the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction in the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness. Nothing happened.

The torpedoing was the work of a German submarine and was one of those clumsy acts which the Third Reich has been careful to avoid ever since Mr Churchill Blamed

German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr Churchill.

The reason was that Germany was not then disposed to amass declamations as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were not anxious to fan the flame.

Rendell Ordered To Leave Bulgaria

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garian Prime Minister, Mr Rendell, the British Minister, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations with Bulgaria was prompted by two reasons, namely Bulgaria's adhesion to the Tripartite Pact and the disappearance of M. Grenovitch, an employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

ATTACK ON BOULOGNE

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of Britain during daylight to-day, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed last night, both by anti-aircraft fire.

Our Victims

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—During R.A.F. operations over France, one Messerschmitt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another was damaged, states the Air Ministry.

Germans Overrun Bulgaria

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blished in Sofia, The Bulgarian Communists are rushing out leaflets giving the text but the distribution will be on a small scale as the majority of the Communists were arrested quietly and flung into prison the night the German march into Bulgaria began. Sofia prisons are now packed. There is already a large stream of foreigners attempting to leave.

Coal In Colony Costing More

The price of household coal yesterday rose to \$68 a ton for delivery at the Peak. A week ago it was retailed at \$58, and this big increase in price is attributed to scarcity of transport vessels. It is learned from a reliable source that the present price may yet go higher.

Household coal is now imported from India and Java, and two steamers under charter by private firms carry supplies to Hongkong each month.

The average prices ruling before the China Incident and the European War were \$20 and \$28 per ton respectively.

The highest price for household coal in 1940 was in the early part of the year, when it was retailed at \$50 per ton. Coal was sold at an average price of \$40 per ton during the remaining months of last year.

LATE NEWS

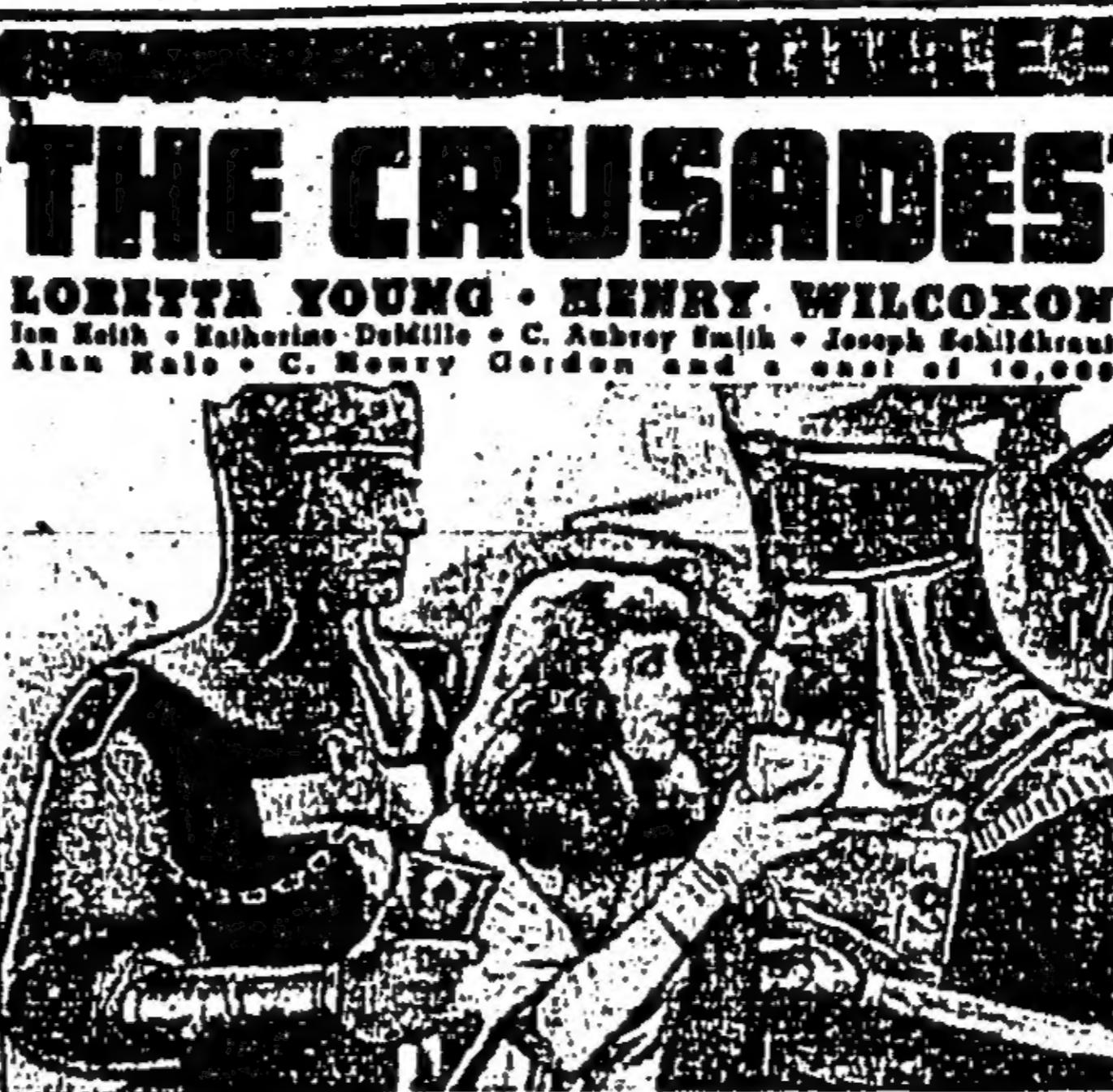
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Suicide U-Boats To Invade Britain

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—“Death or glory” crews manning “suicide” U-boats destined only to reach the British coast and not expected to return were mentioned in the House of Commons naval estimates debate to-day by Captain Cunningham-Reid.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that an American informant in Portugal described this submarine as the one to which Hitler referred in his last speech. The informant said as it was a simplified type on which the Germans had concentrated naval construction after the beginning of war.

They are quick and cheap to build and are equipped with only essential machinery. Safety devices are practically non-existent.

Simplified Training

Such simplicity meant simplified and shorter training of the crews.

Each submarine can be manned by a third of the normal crews. The new vessels have very small fuel capacity.

Having sighted a victim, they close in at short range, sending off their torpedoes before the escorting vessels have the opportunity of dealing with them.

Their subsequent chance of escape, provided the convoy is adequate, is negligible.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that provided the enemy had enough craft, the menace was grave and he urged consideration of bringing food to Britain by means other than the sea.

Goering Sees Antonescu

Vienna Conference

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Marshal Goering has had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, says a Vienna dispatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed “important military and economic questions of interest to both countries.”

The talks were conducted “in a spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration.”

Returns By Plane

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

BUCHAREST, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Antonescu, returned from Vienna by special plane this afternoon accompanied by the German economic expert, Herr Hermann Neubacher, after conferring with Air-Marshal Goering at Vienna during the morning.

German View

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Informed German circles said to-day regarding the Vienna conference that “while the principal action of the conference centres around military questions they will probably include political questions, but no dramatic results are expected.

Pakhoi Landings And Hongkong

A British military spokesman said this morning that the Japanese activities at Pakhoi do not affect Hongkong.

Nazi Consul Sued

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mrs. Alice Crockett, ex-wife of a United States Army officer who recently sued Captain Weidemann, the German Consul-General at San Francisco for \$8,000 for certain services, filed a new petition in the Federal Court to-day, charging that Captain Weidemann is the “Director of Nazi espionage in the United States,” seeking to foment strikes and discord.

She said that Germany supplied Captain Weidemann with over \$5,000,000 for propaganda, espionage and sabotage.

NAZIS IN MOROCCO

Revelations By Mr R. A. Butler

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

In reply to a question, Mr. Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

EDEN'S NOVEL PLAN TO FORESTALL NAZI ATTACK ON SALONIKA

Special to the “Telegraph”

BELGRADE, MAR. 5 (UP).—ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, MR ANTHONY EDEN, WHILE IN ATHENS, PROPOSED THAT GREECE SHOULD CEDE THRACE TO TURKEY SO THAT BULGARIA WOULD HAVE NO COMMON FRONTIER WITH GREECE, WHEREUPON ANY GERMAN ATTEMPT TO REACH SALONIKA WOULD NECESSITATE VIOLATION OF TURKEY TERRITORY.

Additionally the British Legation has urged members of the British colony in Thrace to evacuate their families as soon as possible.

“Thrace was peopled in the time of Herodotus and Thucydides by a vast number of different tribes. The earliest Greek poets, Orpheus, Linus, Musaeus, and others are all represented as coming from Thrace. The Thracian Chersonesus was probably colonized by the Greeks at an early period, but it did not contain any important Greek settlement till the migration of the first Milesians to the country during the reign of Pisistratus. After the Persians had been driven out of Europe by the Greeks, the Thracians recovered their independence. Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, reduced the greater part of Thrace, and after the death of Alexander the country fell to the share of Lysimachus. It subsequently formed part of the Macedonian Dominions.

Salonika Landings Report

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—Almost one complete Canadian division has landed at Salonika, declares Signor Gayda writing in the “Giornale d’Italia.”

The newspaper’s correspondent at Beirut reports that strong British forces are concentrated on the Palestine-Syria frontier, and he claims that Mr. Anthony Eden, while visiting Ankara, attempted to persuade Turkey to attack Syria, but the Turks refused.

Mr. Eden Ends Mission

ATHENS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister.

“Reuter” understands that the conversations were very satisfactory in all respects.

Mr. Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Crowds in Athens still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr. Eden and General Dill and the people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr. Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister this morning, General Dill visited the Greek hospital and the British canteen.

Call At Greek G.H.Q.

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—General Dill, called at the Greek G.H.Q. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

U. S. ARMY OPERATIONS Aid Britain Bill

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Senate leaders decided to oppose any amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

The Senate has adopted the amendment tightening Congressional control of the “purse strings.” The President is required to obtain special Congressional approval before committing the Government to future expenditure for the air programme beyond those already authorised.

German Version

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the British bombed Boulogne to-day damaging a number of dwellings.

German anti-aircraft guns broke up the enemy formations and a German fighter shot down one Spitfire.

The report said that German fighters formations engaged enemy fighters near the British coast and six Spitfires were shot down.

Bombless Day

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No bombs have been dropped in any part TURN to Back Page, Column 3

of the Channel and northern France.

The report added that three fighters were lost, one enemy fighter was destroyed and several seriously damaged in dog-fights which were waged so high it was impossible to confirm their destruction.

Military equipment worth \$1,300,000,000, already owned by the Government or provided for by Congress appropriation, is transferrable, however, without future Congressional authorisation.

Shipping Facilities For Sweden

British Acquiescence

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An agreement has been reached between Britain and Sweden whereby five Swedish ships from overseas ports will be able to sail for Gothenburg every month.

Announcing this, the Ministry of Economic Warfare states that it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not call at any German or German-controlled port and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area.

Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany.

Burke Made Untenable

The R.A.F. recently gave much attention to making Burke untenable for the enemy. The latter put up desperate resistance for several days but were unable to hold out against the combined attack from land and air.

The latest batch of deserters from the enemy numbering 1,700 easily beats all previous records. The desertions indicate the extent of the demoralisation and disintegration of the native elements under the Duke of Aosta.

Valona Again Bombed

CAIRO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—British bombers have attacked

warships off Valona in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F.

Middle East communiqué issued to-day.

Two of our aircraft engaged in Middle East activities failed to return.

LATEST

Cribs Returns

MOSCOW, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back from Turkey by plane this afternoon.

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Italians Killed By Own Shells

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

SALONIKA, Mar. 5 (UP).—

The afternoon

newspapers report that

furious artillery duels are

going on along the central

Albanian front following

the failure of the latest

violent Italian counter-

attacks. Hundreds of

Italians, making an effort

to strengthen their fortifi-

cations, were caught by

artillery cross fire. Scores

of them were killed by

their own shells.

Rendell Ordered To Leave Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

SOFIA, Mar. 5 (UP).—

The British Minister, Mr. George W.

Rendell has been ordered back to

London. He is going to Istanbul next Monday, or Tuesday at the

latest with his entire staff.

Mr. Rendell said he had left a meeting with the Bulgarian Premier, Professor Filoff, with the impression that Filoff was unduly confident of a German victory; however, he stated that Filoff had said practically nothing regarding the note after it had been presented.

He asserted that he had reminded Filoff that Mussolini was also confident of a German victory but suffered severely as a result. Others may also suffer.

He disclosed that the British note was addressed to M. Popov as Foreign Minister but was handed to Prof. Filoff because M. Popov is ill.

Blockade Imposed

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—It is officially announced that effective immediately, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and that all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership are liable to seizure.

Berlin Evasive

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Queried regarding the foreign reports that German troops are arriving in Bulgaria and are concentrating at the main junctions of Plovdiv, Melne and Svalengrad.

Reasons For Break

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In his note to Dr. Bogdan Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Mr. Rendell, the British Minister, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations with Bulgaria was prompted by two reasons, namely Bulgaria's adhesion to the Tripartite Pact and the disappearance of M. Grenvitch, an employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

Asian War's Link With Europe

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The inextricable connection of the Sino-Japanese war with the European war was the subject of an illuminating lecture to the Royal Central Asian Society by Mr. H. D. Liem, the London correspondent of the “Central News” agency of China.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the “Herrenvolk” of Asia. The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption, they goad him by increasing persecution till he rebels when they denounce him as guilty of provocation and annihilate him on the pretext of self-defence.

Danger To Burma

Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong reinforcements to Malaya but of the Dutch East Indies’ resolute resistance to Japan’s obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve war with Britain and America if she were boldly faced. His references to China’s gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan were warmly applauded.

Nurses Stage Sit-Down Strike In H.K. Hospital

Nurses of the new Tai Wo Nursing Home in Babington Path recently staged a sit-down strike as a protest against certain regulations in regard to the granting of leave of absence. They decided on the matron, and not for the manager.

The matter is now stated to have been amicably settled.

The Tai Wo Nursing Home is being operated by a group of local Chinese medical practitioners and is due to be opened by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall on March 14.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April" One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.
2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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NOTE:-

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share per unit for every completed three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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Manager and Secretary.

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Thirteen-year-old hero of the Greek war in Albania—Anastasios Charalambopoulos was promoted lance-corporal on the field and was congratulated by the Greek Prime Minister.

He followed his father to the front, hiding in the troop train, and was instrumental in capturing a number of Italian spies who were using a secret radio.

1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April" One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 19, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

NOTE:-

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share per unit for every completed three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Spanish Programme.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Della.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cooke.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 Reginald Foote at the Organ: The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor); By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Keelbey); The Vision of Fuji-San (Keelbey).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

10.25 Musical Comedy 'Yes Madam.'

Binnie Hole, Bobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.0 Close down.

Aid Britain Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—The Senate approved of an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943; or earlier, if approved by the majority of both Houses.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
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Japanese Withdrawals From Central China May Be Ruse

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Chinese authorities are of the opinion that despite the withdrawal of a few Japanese troops from Central China, Japan is still anxious to settle the China campaign before the large-scale southward push.

They said that the rumour of the evacuation of four provinces in Central China for the southward push was probably a smokescreen for an offensive somewhere else in Free China in view of the present concentration of mountain climbing units in French Tonkin.

Husband's Mistake

Wrong Co-Respondent Named in New A.D.C. Show

When Sarah Bendish left her husband eight years ago, she wrote him a farewell note. But her handwriting was so difficult to read that it caused him to name the wrong man, Nicholas Flack, as co-respondent. Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the true co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He was making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappeared. Since she

had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple."

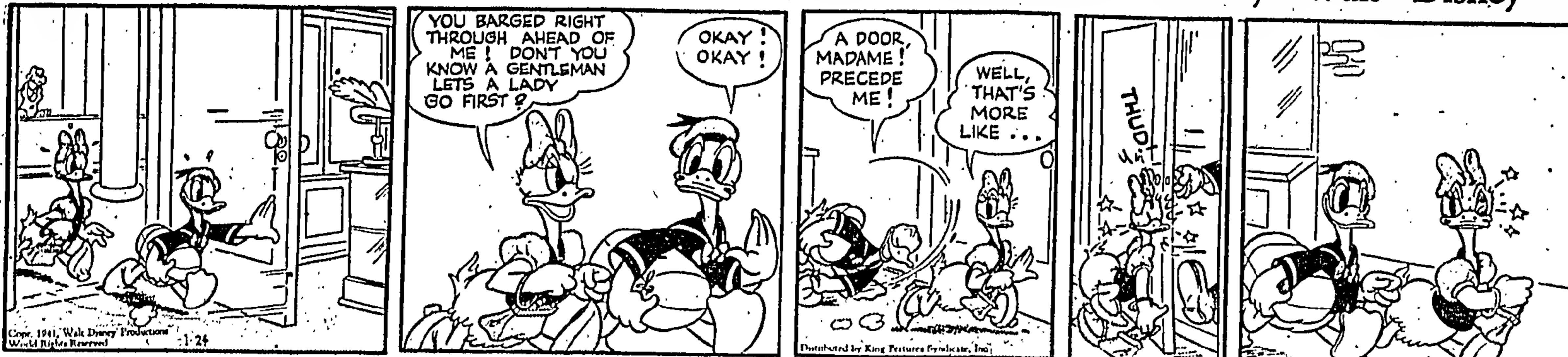
Complications

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young twin nephew and niece added to the complications while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and the village inn was not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous "Punch" writer.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. A. Milne's as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs Bell Mason

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS									
1—Precious metal	5—Attention	9—	13—	17—	21—	25—	29—	33—	37—
5—City in Germany	6—Dishonest	7—	8—	10—	12—	14—	16—	18—	20—
10—Increase	7—Cloth measure	9—	11—	15—	17—	19—	22—	24—	26—
14—From wind	12—Obsolete	13—	16—	18—	20—	22—	24—	26—	28—
15—Bring into effect	17—	18—	19—	21—	23—	25—	27—	29—	31—
16—Wander	20—	21—	22—	24—	26—	28—	30—	32—	34—
17—Hold down nobly	23—	24—	25—	27—	29—	31—	33—	35—	37—
18—Agitate	26—	27—	28—	30—	32—	34—	36—	38—	40—
19—Arabian serpent	29—	30—	31—	33—	35—	37—	39—	41—	43—
20—To turn (about)	32—	33—	34—	36—	38—	40—	42—	44—	46—
22—Turn inside out.	35—	36—	37—	39—	41—	43—	45—	47—	49—
23—Turn	38—	39—	40—	42—	44—	46—	48—	50—	52—
25—Insurance	41—	42—	43—	45—	47—	49—	51—	53—	55—
26—Varnish ingredient	44—	45—	46—	48—	50—	52—	54—	56—	58—
28—Flavours compound	47—	48—	49—	51—	53—	55—	57—	59—	61—
30—South American	50—	51—	52—	54—	56—	58—	60—	62—	64—
31—City (coll.)	53—	54—	55—	57—	59—	61—	63—	65—	67—
32—American part	56—	57—	58—	60—	62—	64—	66—	68—	70—
33—Almost	59—	60—	61—	63—	65—	67—	69—	71—	73—
34—Colonial leader	62—	63—	64—	66—	68—	70—	72—	74—	76—
35—Colonial possession	65—	66—	67—	69—	71—	73—	75—	77—	79—
41—Carpet	68—	69—	70—	72—	74—	76—	78—	80—	82—
43—Stock particles	71—	72—	73—	75—	77—	79—	81—	83—	85—
45—Hold back	74—	75—	76—	78—	80—	82—	84—	86—	88—
49—Blind	77—	78—	79—	81—	83—	85—	87—	89—	91—
50—Influentially	80—	81—	82—	84—	86—	88—	90—	92—	94—
51—Lubricate	83—	84—	85—	87—	89—	91—	93—	95—	97—
52—Personification of	86—	87—	88—	90—	92—	94—	96—	98—	100—
53—Was chairman	89—	90—	91—	93—	95—	97—	99—	101—	103—
54—Is predatory	92—	93—	94—	96—	98—	100—	102—	104—	106—
55—Imperial	95—	96—	97—	99—	101—	103—	105—	107—	109—
56—Imperialist	98—	99—	100—	102—	104—	106—	108—	110—	112—
61—Toward sky	101—	102—	103—	105—	107—	109—	111—	113—	115—
62—Empire	104—	105—	106—	108—	110—	112—	114—	116—	118—
63—Decorate	107—	108—	109—	111—	113—	115—	117—	119—	121—
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PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR Matsuo has given Mr Churchill a new assurance that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuo is uttering bland assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Palchok; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Bias Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armies from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient faces a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and especially its unwieldy Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a goodly portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousands of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lantau Island and Port Shelter, and, if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is promised by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here presented with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,
Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview with Maurice Webb, answers the question . . .

Can Our Blockade Win?

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

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REVIEW OF ALLIED FIGHTING AND MERCANTILE FLEETS IN COMMONS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself, is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr Alexander, he had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France which had altered the whole fabric of British strategy. The collapse of France gave the Germans now a naval Ally in Italy numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves. It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate—it gave the pirate himself new harbours whence to sally forth.

When the threat first loomed up, the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St Jean de Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

Dunkirk Losses

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France. It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Considerable losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers. By skill, seamanship and devotion to duty, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll that he had confidently anticipated, but the Navy was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

By swinging strides, however, we have immeasurably improved our position. With forces initially much inferior, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that units of the Italian Navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales

During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communiqué claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German

questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet, as of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with the ships which you profess to have sunk."

Coming Into Service

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval Power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence and skill of the managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed one enemy battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels and 15 supply ships in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

In Mediterranean.

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to divert into their offensive operations against the enemy base in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of

Italian prisoners and even pumping water ashore to the thirsty troops.

Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, losses of British and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. The next seven months remained obstinately at an average just under 30,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection, but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot—lurking mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines."

Our Defences Growing

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed, said Mr Alexander, though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grow, so will the raider's opportunities become fewer. As for U-boat attacks, expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

At sea an increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics.

Meantime we continue to inflict losses upon the enemy submarine flotillas. To give the German Naval Staff the due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures which take time to perfect.

Armed Merchantmen

The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns, which have enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

The claims of enemy official communiques about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships are delivered from British yards plus those abroad, and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service has replaced more than two-thirds of the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

In addition we have the advantage of chartering ships of states overrun by the enemy. On the other hand, the enemy has lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled and over 1,000,000 tons are lying useless in neutral harbours.

Million Tons Salvaged

Thanks to Admiralty salvage organisation, the total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines and others, in the course of their escort duties, have joined in the rescue of victims of enemy attacks.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea. Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting sea-borne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers, and New Zealand cruisers have participated with great distinction and success in the operations in the Mediterranean and the Middle East and the protection of important coasts.

South Africa naval units are also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Allied Navies

Mr Alexander did not betray the strengths of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway but they are most useful reinforcements and are steadily expanding, he said.

The Belgians, having no vessels of their own, have come forward to help man the other ships and he was glad to say that there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

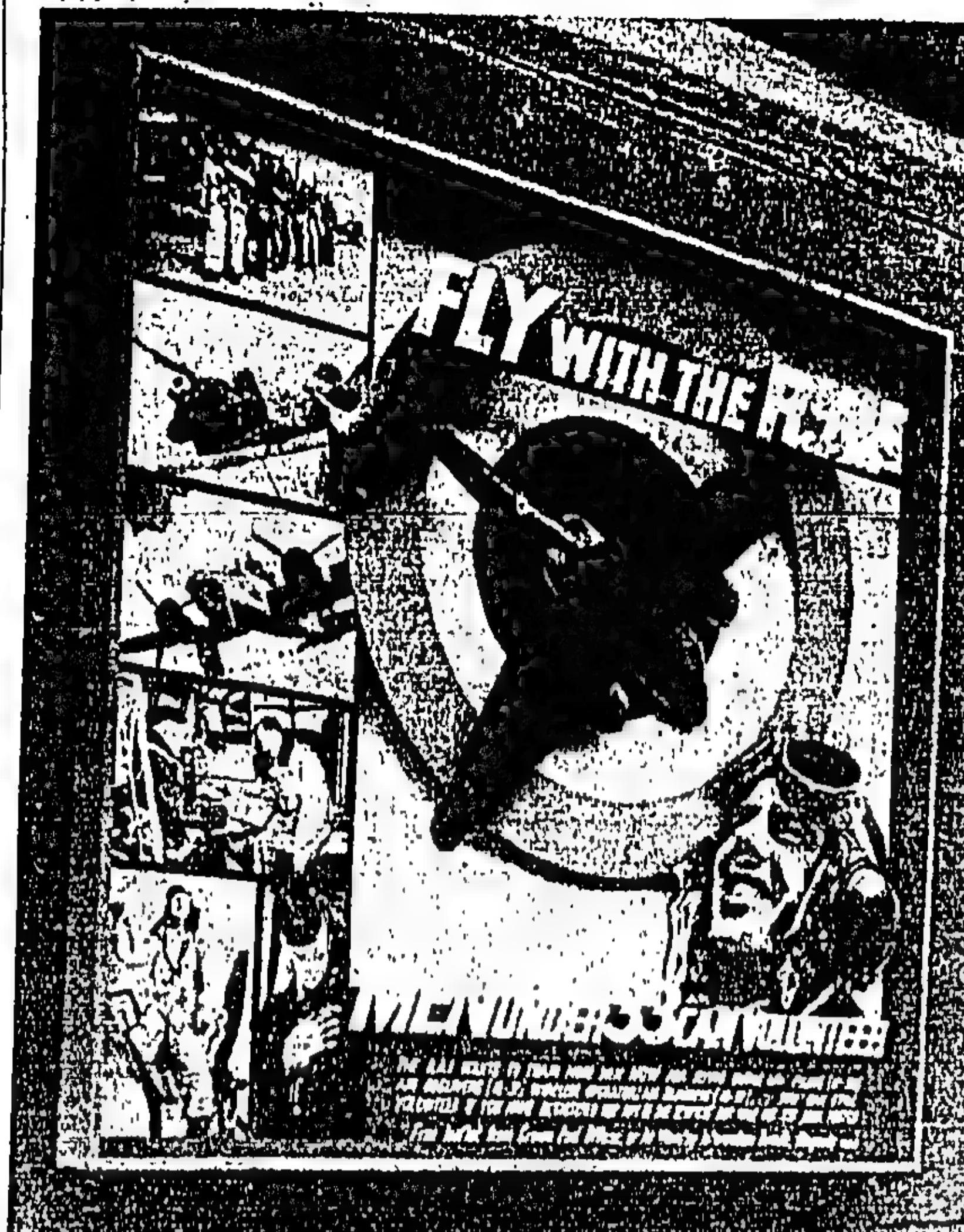
In conclusion, Mr Alexander specially paid tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy."

Execution Of Hardy Nords

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—

Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians, condemned to death by the German military court at Bergen for espionage. The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared that a similarly fate awaits ten Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.



Novel are the methods which have been evolved to board up shop windows which have been blown in by bombs in London and other cities. Perhaps one of the most striking efforts is the one illustrated here in which an attractive appeal for R.A.F. volunteers fills what was once a glass window.

Goebbels Must Have Told A Fib!

Athenia Sinking Cat Out Of Bag

British Note To Bulgaria

Active Co-operation With Nazis Alleged

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Government has come to the conclusion that the Bulgarian Government, so far from desiring to maintain neutrality in the present conflict, is now prepared actively to co-operate with Germany, states the note presented by the British Minister to Bulgaria in regard to the presence of German troops in Bulgaria.

The note adds that it is a matter of indifference to the British Government what steps Bulgaria may think fit to take for the protection of the country against external danger, real or imaginary, but "British is at war with Germany and the presence, in ever-increasing force, of German troops on Bulgarian territory, combined with the growing subservience of the Bulgarian Government to German policy, is in the opinion of the British Government incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria."

False Reason

Alluding to the Bulgarian Premier's statement, the note says that the British Government is unaware that the peace and tranquillity of Bulgaria has ever been threatened or disturbed by any Power which is not a party to the Tripartite Pact and then consider the project advanced by the German Government a specious one designed, in accordance with the usual German practice, to mark an ulterior aggressive aim.

From the nature of the German military movements in the Balkans, it is clear that Germany's intention is to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's Ally, Greece.

King Orders Prayers

March 23 Set Aside

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—At the desire of the King, Sunday, March 23, will be observed as a national day of prayer "for strength and guidance in days to come and thanksgiving for the blessings already received," said a Buckingham Palace announcement.

The Archibishop of Canterbury writes: "We cannot but be thankful when we think of the wonderful way in which we have escaped the dangers which surrounded us last summer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people.

"Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, for all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage."

Catholic Instruction

Cardinal Hinsley has called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, as perhaps never before in the history of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous. Our petitions for him should be frequent and fervent. The Lord preserve him and give him life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies."

Japanese Shipping Losses In War

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—National Headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council yesterday announced that 192 Japanese ships had been sunk and 108 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940.

The vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 26 transports.

The damage done to Japanese ships is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000.

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Hongkong XI

THE HONGKONG team is: Goal-keeper—V. M. Benwell. Backs—V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves. Halves—R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley. Forwards—Karminder Singh, Guruchan Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown. Reserves—A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith.

Army Rugby League

R. Artillery Trounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpo yesterday, the Royal Artillery trouncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers ousting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Sappers scored in the first half through Sheldrake, in the corner. Just before the half-time whistle Sappers were penalised inside their "25" line but Millar's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Sappers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Millar failed.

Gunners Superior

GUNNERS were far too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touchline. But Gunners were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunners dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Eddison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunners, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards-crossing-the-line-near-the-posts.

Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association against Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 16:

Dankier (Scots); Naughtley (Navy); Francis (Scots) (Capt.), Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Middlesex); F. Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Rutherford (Club).

Reserves—Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Hosack (Scots); Sheehan (Old Boys); Hendon (O.P.C.); Manager, Capt. H. E. Guest (Middlesex).

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Problem Of Defence: Full-backs Vulnerable But Halves Sound

ALL IS IN READINESS for the big match between Hongkong and Macao to be played at Macao next Sunday. Hongkong will embark on its eighth Interport fixture having won three, drawn two and lost two.

With anything like good weather hopes run high for a large attendance, for the Colony team is always a great attraction in the Portuguese port.

In our team there are four new "caps", and these are R. Marques (Recreio), Karminder Singh (Khalsa), B. Gosano (Recreio) and H. L. Ozorio (Recreio).

I need not say that there is a feeling in some circles that our backs are none too strong, and it is to be hoped that they will face up to the Portuguese forwards. Here, in my view, is where may be found the weak spot of our defence. But one can only trust that Bond and Gonsalves will rise to the occasion.

Bonwell, our goalkeeper, has been none too brilliant of late. The Club and Y.M.C.A. man has his days, and let us hope that one of those days will be next Sunday.

Sound Halves

WE have sound strength in our halves. R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley may be expected to give a good account of themselves. They well know the Portuguese forward play and will act accordingly. If the first named is in anything like the form we have seen of late, he will prove a rare stumbling block to the opposing left flank. He is a grand tackler and worker, and I congratulate him on a success so long deferred.

We all know what Reed has done in the centre during the past—he needs no further introduction.

On comparative form I would have preferred Tony Alves at left-half to Whitley, but the Selectors have made their decision, and Norman, last year, gave a good account of himself alongside Reed, and in the circumstances it is sound policy.

It is a common truism that the "brains" of the attack is usually in the halves. One must stand or fall on that elementary fact, and here is shown our greatest strength.

Fair Attack

IN comparison to Macao's attack, which was seen against Recreio a week ago, the Colony forwards may be termed "fair." Karminder Singh and Guruchan Singh, the Khalsa team-mates, form a useful right flank combination. The former is young and speedy and centres with great accuracy. The latter is a clever inside forward with good stick-work, and is a good shot.

They will have to bear the brunt of the Colony attack.

B. Gosano, the leader of the Colony attack, is a surprise selection, and if not a highlight, is a hard-working centre-forward. His football sense and experience should serve him in good stead. Speed is his greatest asset.

H. L. Ozorio has shown good form in the trials and one hopes that he and Brown can make a blend on the left wing.

The non-appearance of E. Fowler, the C.B.A. and Club forward, is a

DIFFICULT DUTIES OF A LEFT BACK Positioning To Advantage

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION but that the position of a left back is far from being the easiest on the field, as he has often to tackle on the left side should there be no time to get around to the right.

Championship Schedule For Next Week

FIRST MATCHES in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played next week, commencing on March 13 at King's College.

The programme arranged will be:

March 13 at King's College

Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Weng-toh, 7 p.m.; P. A. Zvanovitch v. H. Dingdale, 7.30 p.m.

Men's Senior Singles—S. Amplavanan v. P. K. Hoel, 8.30.

Men's Junior Doubles—T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and R. H. Khoo, 8.30.

March 14 at Tai Po

Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley, 8 p.m.

Men's Junior Doubles—E. D. Kwok and D. Kwok v. S. C. Lian, 8.45; R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talam and Odell (9.30).

March 15 at King's College

Men's Junior Doubles—P. C. Leung and K. F. Chu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. F. Botelho, 7 p.m.; C. C. Pereira and A. C. Xavier v. H. Dingdale and T. Tech (8.45).

Men's Senior Singles—R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo, 7.45; T. S. Young v. J. Tsang, 8.30.

Mixed Doubles—E. Chilipio and Miss F. Wong v. H. C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15.

March 20 at Tai Po

Men's Junior Singles—E. Zimmen v. J. Hoel, 8 p.m.

Men's Senior Doubles—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, 8.45.

Mixed Doubles—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss N. Silva, 9.15.

surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skilful player.

Forward Weakness

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony in past years has depended on the inclusiveness of the forward line. This year, in particular, without the aid of the Services, this has been the main weakness—the inability to obtain a combination that is eminently desirable in an Interport eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture on their home ground, and this they did when they beat Macao last year 3-1. Playing on their home ground, Macao will be out to reverse that decision, though this has not occurred before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may serve up a surprise. One only hopes

Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following:

Goal-keeper—C. C. Almada.

Backs—R. Rosario and A. Basto.

Halves—R. Marques, Alex Alrosa and J. Santos Ferreira.

Forwards—P. Nolasco, Albert Alrosa, P. Angelo, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelo.

Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gustavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

Random Jottings

Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering. He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selectors owe him an apology.

At this stage it is useless crying over spilt milk—badly spilt—but I would like the Selectors to bear in mind for the future that if a job of this nature is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

THE Interport records are as follows:

1934. H.K. drew at H.K. 1-1

1935. H.K. won at Macao 3-1

1936. H.K. lost at H.K. 0-1

1937. H.K. won at Macao 1-0

1938. H.K. lost at H.K. 0-1

1939. H.K. drew at Macao 2-2

1940. H.K. won at H.K. 3-1

From the above it will be observed that we have one victory to our credit.

ARRANGEMENTS for the trip to Macao are in the hands of Mr V. M. Benwell. Those interested are requested to get into direct communication with him.

Players are also reminded that the Interport team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m. on Friday where a discussion will be held with regard to the team in general and the selection of the Captain.

The obvious choice is W. A. Reed, who is playing in his eighth Interport. This record has never been reached by any other player in the Colony.

The new captain, when nominated, will "tip" the team as to how our opponents should be defeated. This, by the way, is at the instigation of the Selectors.

THE Interport Reserves, A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith are a very useful bunch, and in my estimation, three, at least, should have been in the team. But I have mentioned before that the "human element" must never be overlooked.

Should any of these players be called upon, I am positive they will accomplish what is required of them.

NO League fixtures were played during the week-end due to Volunteer Camps, but they will be resumed as usual next Sunday.

A MEETING of the Umpires Association will take place tomorrow at 6.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are welcome.

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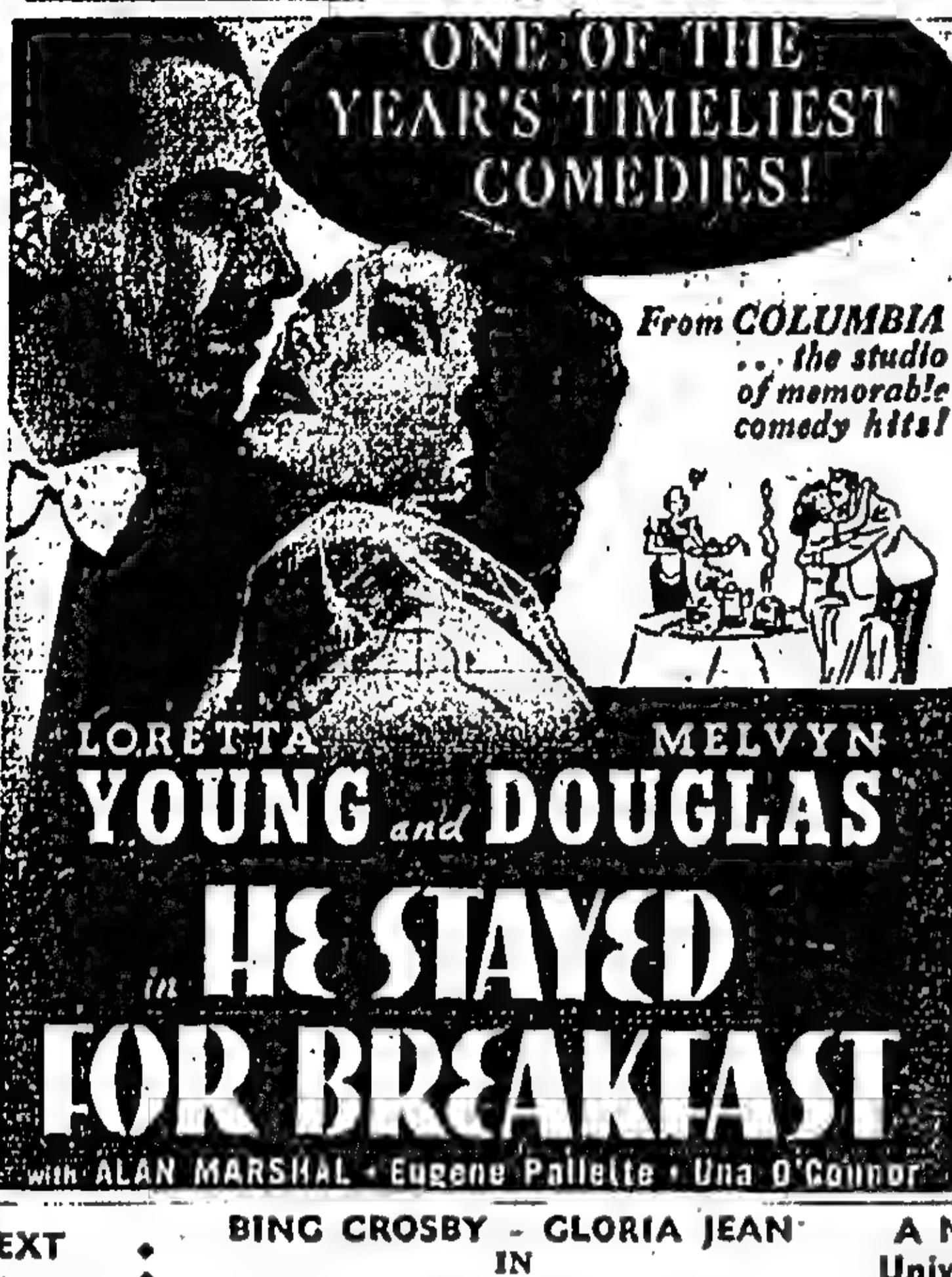
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Eden's Novel Plan To Forestall Nazis

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in Athens to-day, according to the Athens radio. He was joined there by King George of Greece.

Meeting Smuts

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Recalling General Smuts' previous visit north, Colonel Reitz said: "I do not know whether it is a case of cause and effect, but you will remember that almost immediately after the conference at Khartoum with Mr. Eden and General Wavell there followed dramatic victories in Libya. "We hope that equally valuable results will follow his present visit as regards the Italian 'catchment' in Abyssinia."

Mussolini the Misguided

"Mussolini the Misguided has once again hurled his arms into Africa, but Africa has responded as never before. This time Mussolini is not bombing and machine-gunning the natives, but has found before him the might of the British forces.

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ATTACK ON BOULOGNE

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of Britain during daylight to-day, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed last night, both by anti-aircraft fire.

Our Victims

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—During R.A.F. operations over France, one Messerschmitt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another was damaged, states the Air Ministry.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Business recorded during the morning was only meager.

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First A. R. P. "Dictator" Resigns

Mr. J. E. Arnold James, the Town Clerk of Stepney, E., was appointed in November last civil defence "dictator" of the borough.

Recently it was announced that he had resigned that post.

The Ministry of Home Security stated that Mr. James had asked to be relieved of his duties as A.R.P. controller.

Mr. W. Eric Adams, town clerk of Islington, N., had been appointed to exercise those functions.

Mr. James became the first civil defence "dictator" when the Ministry of Home Security and Health, under the Defence Regulations, gave him full powers formerly exercised by the Stepney Borough Council Emergency Committee.

Mr. James was thus able to take more direct action than was possible beforehand to deal with difficulties as the result of bombing.

He was a pioneer of the movement for bomb-proof shelter and arranged a transaction for raising the cost of construction without the sanction of the Home Office or County Council. The transaction was upheld by the courts.

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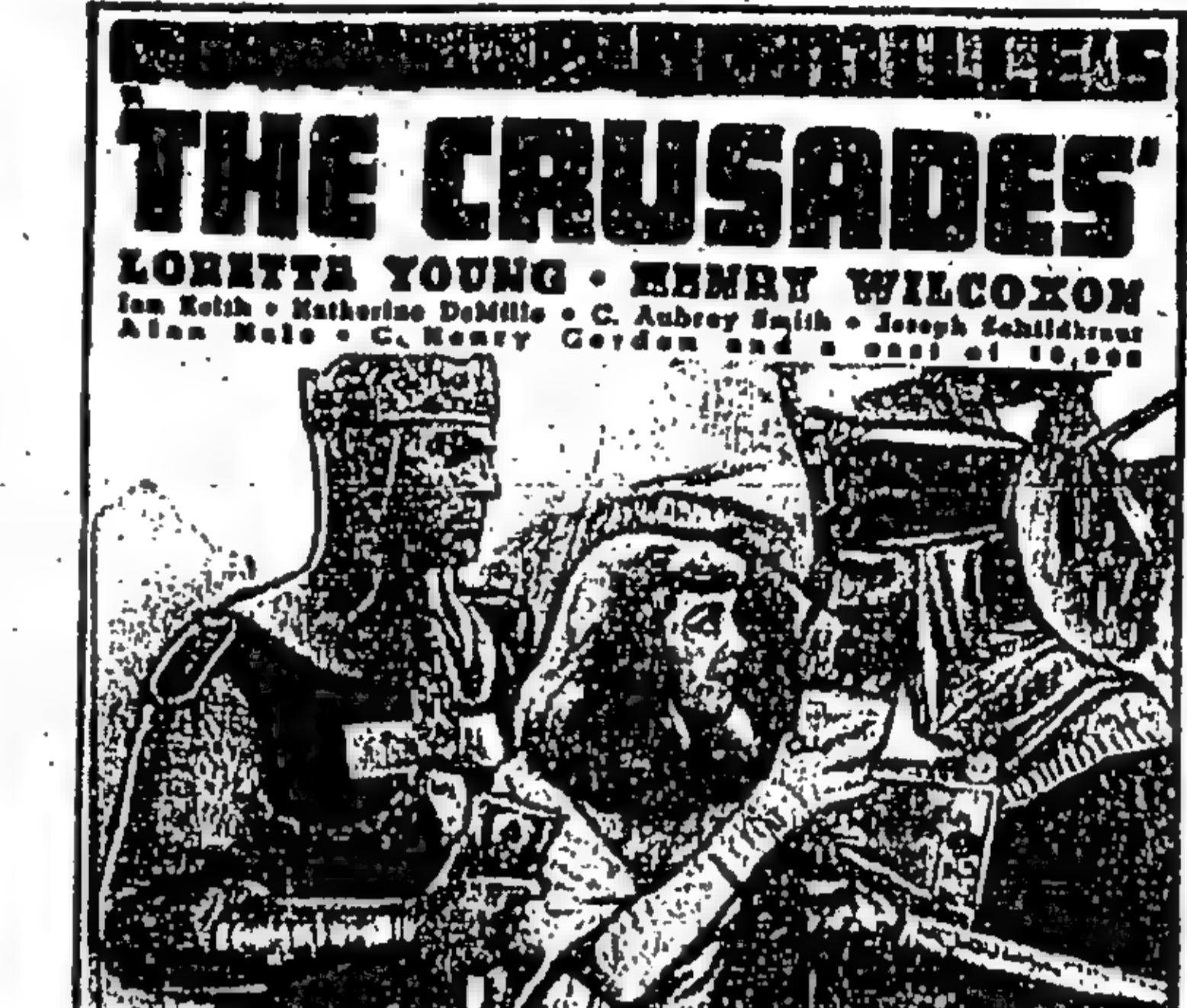
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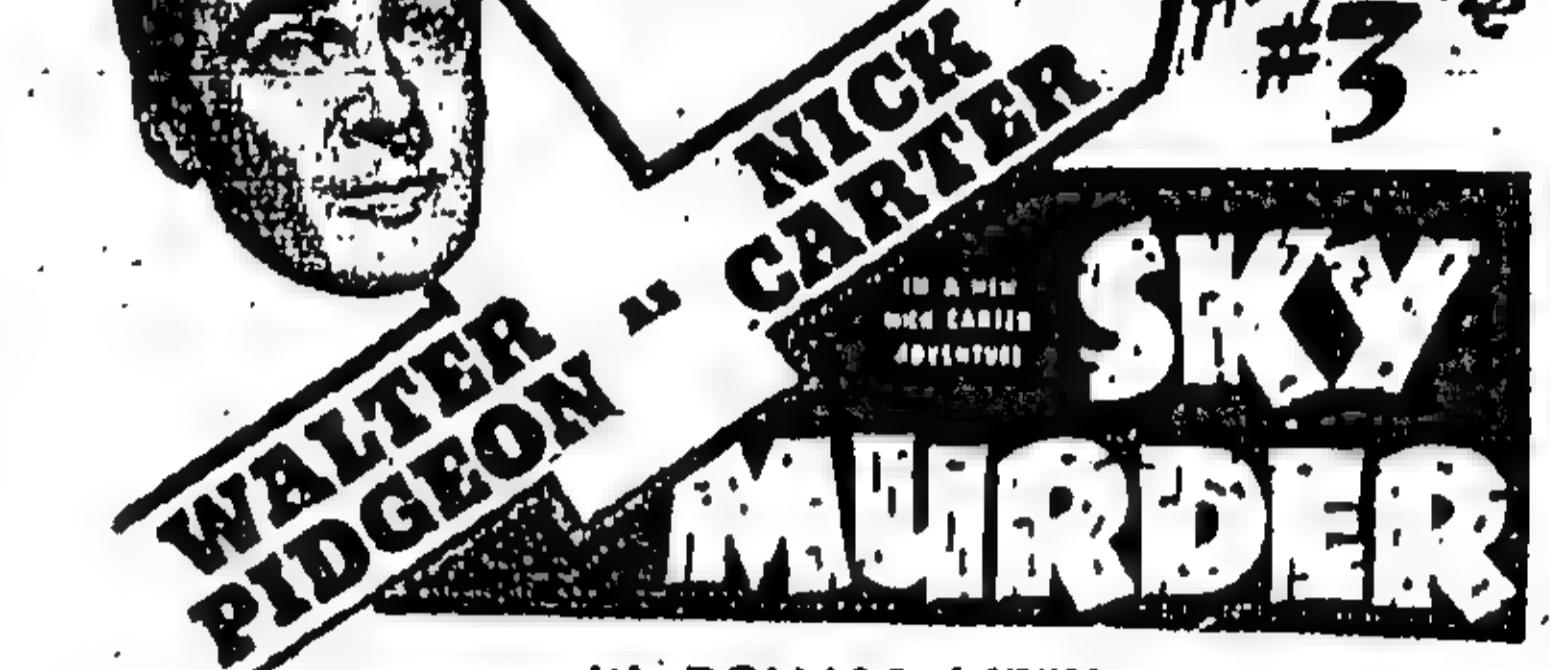
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Suicide U-Boats To Invade Britain

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—“Death or glory” crews manning “suicide” U-boats destined only to reach the British coast and not expected to return were mentioned in the House of Commons naval estimates debate to-day by Captain Cunningham-Reid.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that an American informant in Portugal described this submarine as the one to which Hitler referred in his last speech. The informant said it was a simplified type on which the Germans had concentrated naval construction after the beginning of war.

They are quick and cheap to build and are equipped with only essential machinery. Safety devices are practically non-existent.

Simplified Training

Such simplicity meant simplified and shorter training of the crews. Each submarine can be manned by a third of the normal crews. The new vessels have very small fuel capacity.

Having sighted a victim, they close in at short range, sending off their torpedoes before the escorting vessels have the opportunity of dealing with them.

Their subsequent chance of escape, provided the convoy is adequate, is negligible.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that provided the enemy had enough craft, the menace was grave and he urged consideration of bringing food to Britain by means other than the sea.

Goering Sees Antonescu

Vienna Conference

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Marshal Goering has had a long conference with General Antonescu—the Rumanian Premier, says a Vienna dispatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed “important military and economic questions of interest to both countries.”

The talks were conducted “in a spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration.”

Returns By Plane

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

BUCHAREST, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Antonescu, returned from Vienna by special plane this afternoon accompanied by the German economic expert, Herr Hermann Neubacher, after conferring with Air-Marshal Goering at Vienna during the morning.

German View

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Informed German circles said to-day regarding the Vienna conference that “while the principal action of the conference centres around military questions they will probably include political questions, but no dramatic results are expected.”

Pakhoi Landings And Hongkong

A British military spokesman said this morning that the Japanese activities at Pakhoi do not affect Hongkong.

Kwangchowan Not To Be Occupied

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Japanese spokesman confirmed that Kwangchowan is surrounded; however, it is not occupied and is not likely to be. He said the landings were made along a 240-mile coastal strip from Kwonghol near Macau towards Pakhoi, including the Lulchow peninsula.

The Japanese landing last month at Blas Bay revealed a network of Chungking supply routes, therefore it necessitated last Monday’s operation for the purpose of cutting them off. He said the occupation of Kwangchowan was technically unnecessary since it has been surrounded and blockaded.

NAZIS IN MOROCCO

Revelations By Mr R. A. Butler

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco, was revealed by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

In reply to a question, Mr Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

Early in February, a considerable number of German officers and men were reported to have arrived there in uniform and bearing arms.

Estimates of their number varied, added Mr Butler.

Weygand Returning

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Weygand, returning for the first time since he went to Africa on a special mission, arrives here to-morrow.

Weygand In Vichy

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Weygand arrived by plane from Algiers amidst the greatest secrecy. It was the first time he had set foot on France since his six month absence in North Africa.

It is learned that General Weygand’s purpose for returning is to inform Marshal Petain personally of his efforts to consolidate North and Middle Africa in the face of a fierce De Gaulle onslaught and the swing away of Colonial army officials as well as civilians.

ATTACK ON BOULOGNE

Fierce Dog-Fights High In The Sky

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—A formation of bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Boulogne this afternoon, while squadrons of fighters offensively swept the Channel and northern France.

The report added that three fighters were lost, one enemy fighter was destroyed and several seriously damaged in dog-fights which were waged so high it was impossible to confirm their destruction.

German Version

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—The official news agency reported that the British bombed Boulogne to-day, damaging a number of dwellings. German anti-aircraft guns broke up the enemy formations and German fighter shot down one Spitfire.

The report said that German fighters formations engaged enemy

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EDEN’S NOVEL PLAN TO FORESTALL NAZI ATTACK ON SALONIKA

Special to the “Telegraph”

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (UP).—ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, MR ANTHONY EDEN, WHILE IN ATHENS, PROPOSED THAT GREECE SHOULD CEDE THRACE TO TURKEY SO THAT BULGARIA WOULD HAVE NO COMMON FRONTIER WITH GREECE, WHEREUPON ANY GERMAN ATTEMPT TO REACH SALONIKA WOULD NECESSITATE VIOLATION OF TURKEY TERRITORY.

Additionally the British Legation has urged members of the British colony in Thrace to evacuate their families as soon as possible.

Thrace was peopled in the time of Herodotus and Thucydides by a vast number of different tribes. The earliest Greek poets, Orpheus, Linus, Musaeus, and others are all represented as coming from Thrace. The Thracian Chersonesus was probably colonised by the Greeks at an early period, but it did not contain any important Greek settlement till the migration of the first Milesians to the country during the reign of Pisistratus. After the Persians had been driven out of Europe by the Greeks, the Thracians recovered their independence. Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, reduced the greater part of Thrace, and after the death of Alexander the country fell to the share of Lysimachus. It subsequently formed part of the Macedonian Dominions.

Salonica Landings Report

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—Almost one complete Canadian division has landed at Salonic, declares Sirion Gayda writing in the “Giornale d’Italia.”

The newspaper’s correspondent at Beirut reports that strong British forces are concentrated on the Palestine-Syria frontier, and he claims that Mr Anthony Eden, while visiting Ankara, attempted to persuade Turkey to attack Syria, but the Turks refused.

Mr Eden Ends Mission

ATHENS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister.

“Reuter” understands that the conversations were very satisfactory in all respects.

Mr Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Crowds in Athens still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr Eden and General Dill and the people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister this morning, General Dill visited the Greek hospital and the British canteen.

Call At Greek G.H.Q.

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—General Dill, called at the Greek G.H.Q. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

U. S. ARMY OPERATIONS

Aid Britain Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Senate leaders have decided to oppose any amendments to the League and lend Bill designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

The Senate has adopted the amendment tightening Congressional control of the “purse strings.” The President is required to obtain special Congressional approval before committing the Government to future expenditure for the air programme beyond those already authorized.

Military equipment worth \$1,000,000, already owned by the Government or provided for by Congress appropriation, is transferable, however, without future Congressional authorisation.

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Burye Made Utterable

KHARTOUM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Ethiopian patrols have occupied the village of Mankusa, eight miles east of Debra Marcos in the Gojlon area, 120 miles north-west of Addis Ababa.

The communiqué adds that in Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, there is nothing of importance to report.

On all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

The problem before the Greeks, Turks and British is not an easy one. The Greeks hold an extremely long frontier of about 400 miles though it can only be attacked through a limited number of valleys.

The Italian forces evacuated Burye yesterday morning after prolonged guerrilla pressure by the patrol army, and are now in full retreat towards Debra Marcos. They are being continually harassed by the advancing Abyssinians.

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The latest batch of deserters from the enemy numbering 1,700 easily beats all previous records. The desertions indicate the extent of demoralisation and disintegration of the native elements under the Duke of Aosta.

Their main and maid servants by sending them out with clothes to be cleaned. They left behind in the hotel four big dogs.

Repeated Appeals

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu are believed to have crossed the frontier into Portugal by car on Tuesday, travelling via Seville.

They have been in Spain under police surveillance and the escape follows repeated attempts by Carol to persuade the Spanish Government to permit him to leave the country.

Two of our aircraft engaged in Middle East activities failed to return.

LATEST

Entertainments Tax To Yield \$650,000

Moving a resolution in the Legislative Council this afternoon concerning the increases in entertainments tax (details of which were published in the “Telegraph” this week), Mr R. R. Todd, assistant Financial Secretary, said that in the printed estimates for 1941-42 the revenue from Entertainments Tax is shown at \$350,000; it is anticipated that the increased rates will bring in an additional \$300,000, making a total of \$650,000.

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WHITEAWAY'S

Italians Killed By Own Shells

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

SALONIKA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The afternoon newspapers report that furious artillery duels are going on along the central Albanian front following the failure of the latest violent Italian counter-attacks. Hundreds of Italians, making an effort to strengthen their fortifications, were caught by artillery cross fire. Scores of them were killed by their own shells.

GERMANS OVERRUN BULGARIA

Streaming Towards Greek Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (UP).—The newspaper “Pest” reporting from Sofia, says fresh German troops are arriving in Bulgaria and are concentrating at the main junctions of Plovdiv, Melne and Svalengrad.

Berlin Evasive

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Queried regarding the foreign reports that German troops, contrary to the original German assertions, are actually near the Turk-Bulgarian frontier, authorised German sources to-day refused to give any information but added, “There can be a lot of changes in two days.”

Troops Stream In

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—By train, lorry, bus and plane, German troops continue to stream through Bulgaria towards the Greek frontier. The three main routes southward are described by an eye-witness as “solid miles of mechanised material.”

Sullen Peasant Watch

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Silent sulky crowds of country folk are watching the German army move south. The Bulgarian peasants are fully aware that their food supply will be as much decreased as the danger-of-war-for-their-country is increased by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of the seven divisions that stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria. Overhead, Junkers constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmidts are taking up new bases in south Bulgaria.

To-day’s break with Britain will intensify the gloom that has swept the country with the entry of the Nazis. German police installed in the country towns are arrogantly directing mechanised transport southward. German railway officials were strutting up and down platforms at Sofia’s main station when I left for Belgrade last night.

First Sandbags

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

The Soviet statement denouncing Bulgaria’s policy has not been published in Sofia. The Bulgarian Communists are rushing out leaflets giving the text but the distribution will be on a small scale as the majority of the Communists were arrested quietly and flung into prison the night the German march into Bulgaria began. Sofia prisons are now packed. There is already a large scale of foreigners attempting to leave.

Cripps Returns

MOSCOW, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back from Turkey by plane this afternoon.

Nurses Stage Sit-Down Strike In H.K. Hospital

Nurses of the new Tai Wo Nursing Home in Babington Path recently staged a sit-down strike as a protest against certain regulations in regard to the granting of leave of absence. Their decision of the matron, and not for the manager.

The matter is now stated to have been amicably settled.

The Tai Wo Nursing Home is being operated by a group of local Chinese medical practitioners, and is due to be opened by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall on March 14.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:

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COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.

Notification

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Commissioners.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and "they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 "Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, "and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company "as on the first day of April "One thousand nine hundred "and forty-one in respect of the "net amount capitalised fully "paid shares of the Company "of equivalent nominal value in "the proportion of one share for "every three shares of the Company held by them respectively "and that such shares so allotted "shall rank for dividends as "from the 1st day of July, 1941.
2. That if on such distribution no aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordian Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Wetherby Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

2.15 Close down.

6.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Delius.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cooke.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Reginald Foott at the Organ.

The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor); By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey); The Vision of Full-Sun (Ketelbey).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

10.25 Musical Comedy "Yes Madam?"

Binnie Ilie, Bobby Hines and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Turnbridge.

11.0 Close down.

MEDICAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association was held in the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, last evening. The proceedings were of a private nature.

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

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Filipino Club Annual Meeting

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INDIAN ARMY C.-in-C.'s Announcement

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—At the budget debate in the Council of State, Lieutenant General Claude Auchinleck, the C-in-C., said that there were one or two matters about which misapprehension existed in the minds of members.

The first was in regard to the Viceroy's Commissioned Officers.

Their interests were close to his heart and he would always watch them.

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that they did not suffer in any way.

It was not true that they were not being used in units officered by Indian officers. They were being re-

instated.

Secondly, there was the question of utilising the University Training Corps. This was also receiving his

careful consideration.

PROMOTED ON FIELD AT 13



Soldier Faces Serious Charges At Sessions

The trial of Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, Royal Army Medical Corps, on charges of rape and indecent assault, was commenced before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Jacobs is alleged to have raped and indecently assaulted Man Shiu-ying, an 18-year-old spinster, in King's Park on January 16.

Mr J. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr G. She, instructed by M.C. A. S. Russ, was for the defence.

The Jury comprised Messrs G. T. Harrington (Foreman), Lou In-Loo, C. Goldfin, Ma Yue-man, Lee Gwok-ying, Chan Kam-shing and Tan Poh-keung.

Mr Murphy said that the girl was a waitress employed in the Nathan Hotel, and some months prior to January she became friendly with a soldier called Walton, whom she knew by the name of Ginger. On Christmas Day she became engaged to another soldier named Bright, and about three months ago she knew Accused for the first time when the latter went to the Hotel with Ginger.

On the night of January 15, went on Mr Murphy, Accused went to the Hotel and told the girl that Ginger wanted to see her in King's Park. The girl said that she would not go and that in any case she was too busy. She then went back to her work, leaving Accused at the entrance.

When questioned by a Police officer later in the day, Accused admitted having been with the girl but said that he paid her \$3 to get a taxi home as it was late.

Accused was subsequently charged with rape, and to this he said that the girl was a consenting party. He further alleged that the girl was a prostitute and had accepted money from him. On the charge of indecent assault, he said: "I do not wish to say anything."

The case is proceeding.

Told At Barracks

About 8 a.m. the same day, Accused was seen in the hospital at Whitfield Barracks, where he was stationed, and there he told one of the soldiers: "I took Rosie out for a walk. She wouldn't come across and I used a little bit of persuasion. She started struggling, so I threatened to tap her on the chin and she then came across." That statement, Mr Murphy submitted, was a complete corroboration of the girl's story.

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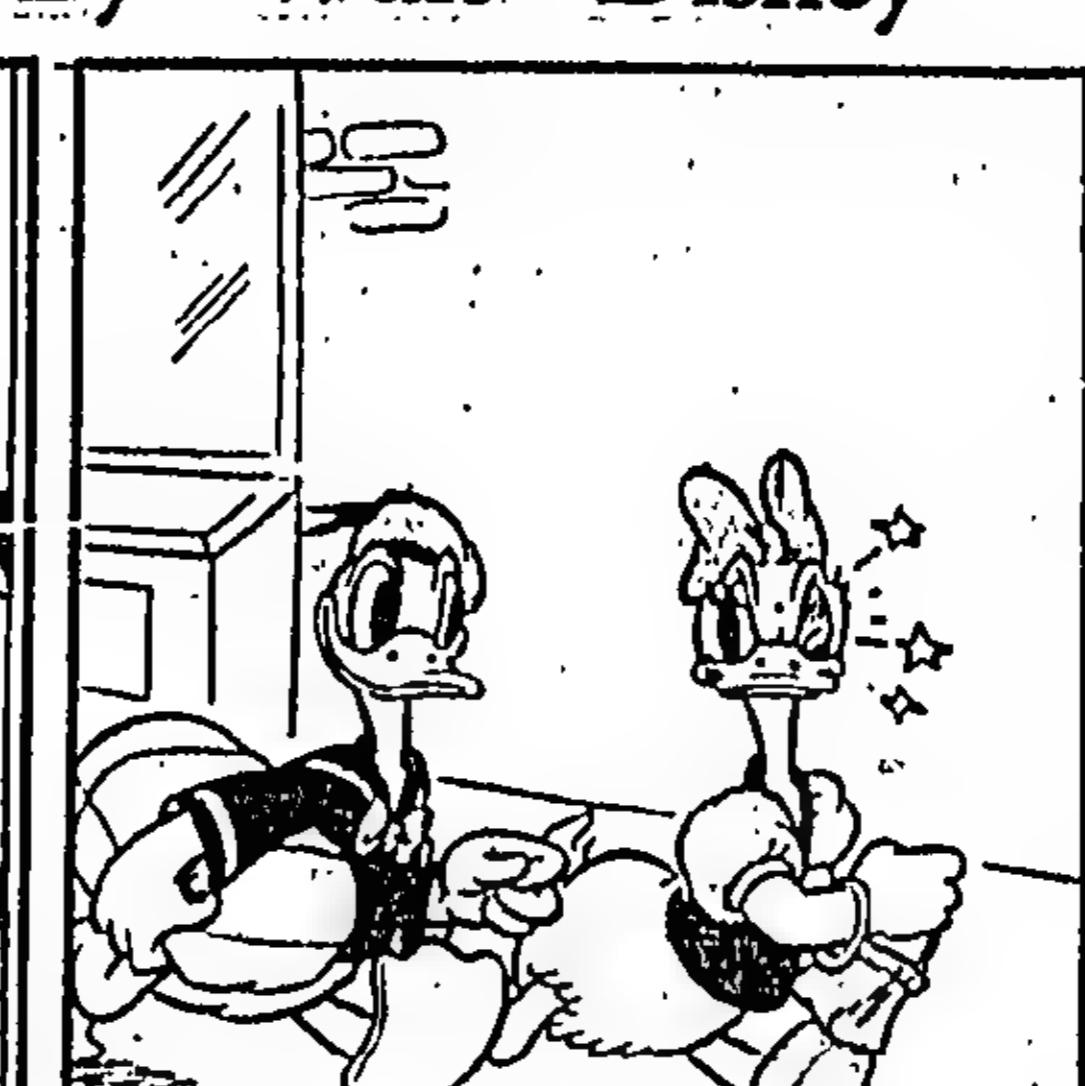
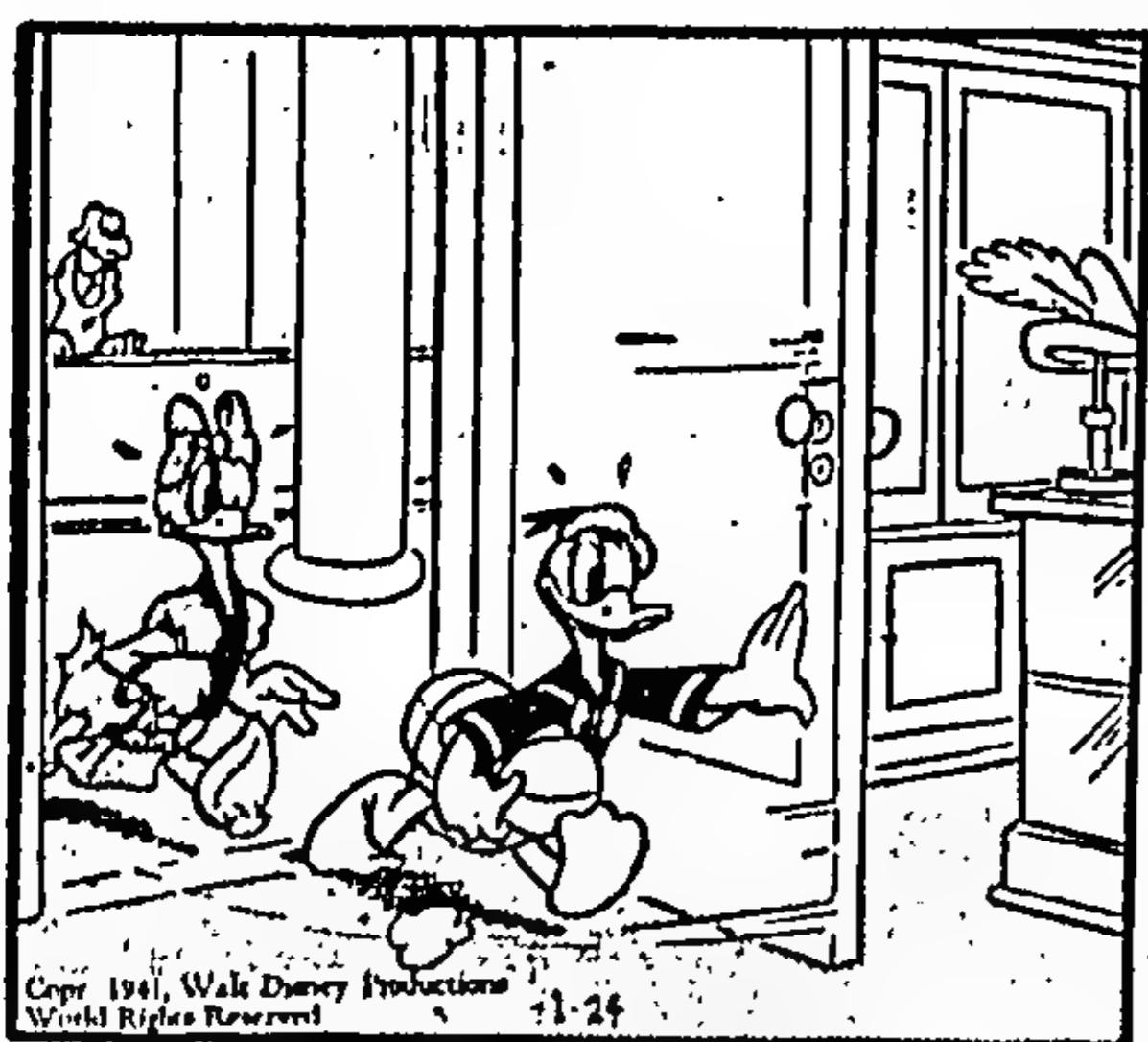
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King Orders Prayers

March 23 Set Aside

At the desire of the King, Sunday, March 23, will be observed as a national day of prayer "for strength and guidance in days to come and thanksgiving for the blessings already received," said a Buckingham Palace announcement.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: "We cannot but be thankful when we think of the wonderful way in which we have escaped the dangers which surrounded us last sum-

mer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people. "Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, in all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage."

Catholic Injunction

Cardinal Hinsley has called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, and perhaps never before in the history of the Church, and the position of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous. Our petitions for him should be frequent and heartfelt. The Lord preserve him and give him life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies."

British Acquiescence

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An agreement has been reached between Britain and Sweden whereby five Swedish ships from overseas ports will be able to sail for Gothenburg every month.

Announcing this, the Ministry of Economic Warfare states that it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not call at any German or German-controlled port and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area.

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PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR Matsuoaka has given Mr Churchill a few assurances that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuoaka is uttering bland-assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Pukhol; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Bins Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armories from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient face a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and especially its unwieldy Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a goodly portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousands of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lantau Island and Port Shelter, and, if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is promised by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here presented with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

I asked for an illustration of this possibility.

Well, here is an example," was the reply. "By cutting off

The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,

Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview with Maurice Webb, answers the question . . .

Can Our Blockade Win?

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

This is the question I took round to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. I put it, with some of the experts there.

Then I marched with my question along the corridors of Berkeley Square House to the room of the man who plans and directs these mysterious but massive blockade operations, Hugh Dalton.

Let me give you at once the conclusions I formed after hearing the confident, fact-supported answers I got from him.

1. By the end of 1941 the blockade of certain essential raw materials will seriously affect the quality, and to some extent the volume of enemy production.

2. Long before the end of the year—probably in the summer—the strain on enemy oil resources will be acute.

3. Before next winter our increasing disturbance of Germany's industrial and transport system will have caused a grave distributional crisis.

I submit those conclusions, not as optimistic prophecies, but as a considered and realistic assessment of coming events.

Summing It Up

Not all the answers I was given can be published. For obvious reasons much of the background to the blockade must remain secret.

But in support of the above affirmations about this riddle of 1941, let me give you some of Mr Dalton's statements to me.

I put to him my first general query about the prospects of the blockade in 1941. This was his reply:

"I cannot volunteer a definite estimate of the probable results of the blockade in a given time in ignorance of other factors outside my control. Blockade does not work in a vacuum.

"It cannot win the war alone. Blockade is the permanent background against which military action is set. Until we know the probable scale of military operations, it is impossible to predict the extent to which blockade will affect the enemy's war effort."

"Allowing for these other factors," I asked, "how far will blockade eventually decide the issue of victory or defeat for Hitler?"

The Minister's answer showed his anxiety to set his picture in perspective:

"We do not underestimate Germany's superior war preparedness, nor discount her vast military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the accumulated stocks of war material."

"And a breakdown, with serious effects on Germany's military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the all-round pressure we are steadily exerting."

Here the Minister resumed his seat and allowed me to make a few points.

These amounted to this question: "How has the blockade been affected by the enemy's victories in the summer?"

Unwise To Prophesy

"My own view is," said Mr Dalton, "that we should expect long rather than a short war. It would be unwise to prophesy that we shall assume complete command or bring German production to a standstill in 1941.

"But I can say this. Blockade will seriously affect the quality of German war production, and will also substantially interfere with its distribution—in itself a vital consideration."

I asked for an illustration of

was the reply. "By cutting off supplies of nickel and other steel-hardening alloys, as we are doing very effectively, the quality of the Nazis' guns, tanks and other weapons will suffer."

I put in a reminder of the

their control can be made self-supporting. "What have you to say to that?" I asked.

"It might be made so if they were left free to develop their synthetic processes, turn the disorganisation of their transport systems upside down, and given a few years to accomplish a complete economic revolution."

"But the time and freedom of operation they want is just what we are not giving them."

"We work in close accord with the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the maximum industrial and transport dislocation will follow."

"And so complicated is this artificial system on which Hitler relies to utilise lack of bauxite, from which aluminium is made, the general re-use, for aircraft and to replace copper-sources of Europe that our

"Both pre-war stocks and those in the occupied territories are being used up, and in the area under German control there is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel."

"Iron ore, however, Germany has access to in abundance. She has no reliance to utilise lack of bauxite, from which aluminium is made, the general re-use, for aircraft and to replace copper-sources of Europe that our

"Both these commodities have been destroyed by her recent conquests, and confer an advantage one point radiating waves of disturbance right across the Continent."

Here I raised the question of Hitler's "Brentz system" to which the Minister had referred. "Can you explain that more precisely?" I inquired.

"Well, here is an example. Transport port is a major weakness for the Nazis," Mr Dalton replied. "The natural way into Germany is from the West, through the Western ports. All the transport routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use the reverse route normally used nearly 11 million tons from the Eastern side."

"I invited Mr Dalton to develop his point about "all-round pressure." Is assuming all of Germany's output of over six millions available, only sufficiently complete for your purposes?" I asked. "Are there no loopholes in your net?"

"I would not say the pressure was complete," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way through any blockade, however skilfully devised. But I can say that the leaks are comparatively unimportant."

"We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

Ersatz Basis

"You must remember," he went on, "that the whole basis of the Nazi war organisation is artificial, or 'Ersatz'."

"They have built up a huge but complicated organism which is highly brittle. Weakness or dislocation at any one point inevitably retards the operation of every part of that organism."

"And a breakdown, with serious effects on Germany's military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the all-round pressure we are steadily exerting."

"I must confess that the amount of cotton passing by this route is one of our present problems, and will be dealt with!"

"Transport problems," I suggested, "seem to be altogether a major source of Nazi headaches?"

"Quite right. They are all part of the 'distributional crisis' I spoke of earlier. Long before the war Germany's railways were feeling the strain of the unnatural burden to which they were subjected."

"This burden is now intensified tenfold. Just think of the pre-war volume of imports by sea to Germany alone—to say nothing of the occupied territories."

"Of that volume a great deal is cut off, without redress, by our sea blockade, but all the rest is thrown on to the railways of Europe."

"Germany may steal rolling stock from her victims, cut down passenger services to 30 per cent, pre-war services or less, but the problem remains, and we expect to see some interesting results in this field in 1941."

"Take the distribution of coal, for example. On paper Germany has plenty of coal. And yet recent evidence shows that in many places the situation is serious."

**RIDDLES
OF
1941**

Facts For Germany

There is one answer. Transport Coal is desperately needed to maintain German exports—by rail again—and to feed her expensive 'Ersatz' industries. But coal is a bulky thing to transport.

Road transport, apart from its inability to replace bulk transport by rail, devours precious petrol and oil."

By this time our Economic War-

fare Chief was in full stride across the room again.

I got him back to his chair and studied reflection by this straight query:

"What are the real facts about the essential supplies available to Hitler in Europe?"

This was his answer:

"I don't want to exaggerate Germany's shortages."

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Key Commodity

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When I brought this question up this score.

He gave one of his high-explosive

"I know," he said, "but let me state the grounds for my optimism in the Western ports. All the transport

routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use the reverse route normally used nearly 11 million tons from the Eastern side."

The maximum figure for European oil production, including a high esti-

"Total pre-war consumption of oil in Continental Europe west of the Soviet is something like 25 million tons. Of this Germany and Italy

are caused by the attempt to use the reverse route normally used nearly 11 million tons from the Eastern side."

The maximum figure for European oil production, including a high esti-

"Oil between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can get hold of all existing European sup-

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With the most drastic restrictions on non-military consumption, and allowing for the accumulation of vast stocks, that gap is too wide to be comfortable for a nation engaged in modern mechanised warfare!

REVIEW OF ALLIED FIGHTING AND MERCANTILE FLEETS IN COMMONS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr Alexander, he had questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with only the ships which your profess to have sunk."

Coming Into Service

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval Power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence and skill of the managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed one enemy battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels and 15 supply ships in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's audacious and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

In Mediterranean

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to divert into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of

in every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that units of the Italian Navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales.

During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communiqué claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines.

(Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German

questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

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Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week.

The next seven months remained obstinately at an average just under 60,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 61,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot—lurking mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines.

Our Defences Growing

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed, said Mr Alexander, though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grow, so will the raider's opportunities become fewer.

As for U-boat attacks, expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

At sea an increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine techniques.

Meantime, we continue to inflict losses upon the enemy submarine flotillas. To give the German Naval Staff their due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures which take time to perfect.

Armed Merchantmen

The planned arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns, which have enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

The claims of enemy official communiques about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships are delivered from British yards plus those abroad, and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service has replaced more than two-thirds of the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

In addition we have the advantage of chartering ships of states overrun by the enemy. On the other hand, the enemy has lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled and over 1,000,000 tons lying useless in neutral harbours.

Million Tons Salvaged

Thanks to Admiralty salvage organisation, the total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attacks.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea. Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting sea-borne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers, and New Zealand cruisers have participated with great distinction and success in the operations in the Mediterranean and the Middle East and the protection of important convoys.

South African naval units are also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Allied Navies

Mr Alexander did not betray the strengths of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway but they are most useful reinforcements and are steadily expanding, he said.

The Belgians, having no vessels of their own, have come forward to help man the other ships and he was glad to say that there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr Alexander specially paid tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy."

Execution Of Hardy Nords

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians condemned to death by the German military court at Bergen for espionage.

The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared that, a similar fate awaits ten Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.



Novel are the methods which have been evolved to board up shop windows which have been blown in by bombs in London and other cities. Perhaps one of the most striking efforts is the one illustrated here in which an attractive appeal for R.A.F. volunteers fills what was once a glass window.

Britons Warned To Leave Yugo-Slavia

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugo-Slavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to dispatches to the official French agency.

Most women members of the staff of the British Legation and the Consulate in Belgrade and families of the Legation staff

Asian War's Link With Europe

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The inextricable connection of the Sino-Japanese war with the European war was the subject of an illuminating lecture to the Royal Central Asian Society by Mr H. D. Liem, the London correspondent of the "Central News" agency of China.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "Herrenvolk" of Asia. The technique of the two nations was exactly similar.

Having selected a victim for absorption, they goad him by increasing persecution till he rebels when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

Danger To Burma

Mr Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong reinforcements to Malaya but of the Dutch East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr Liem, was already suffering acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve war with Britain and America if she were boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan were warmly applauded.

Japanese Shipping Losses In War

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Naval Headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council yesterday announced that 102 Japanese ships had been sunk and 188 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940.

The vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 20 transports.

The damage done to Japanese shipping is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000.

Canberra-Tokyo Relations

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Commenting on the recent speech of Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, a Government spokesman said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair. Until now they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint. Now Mr Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic point of view."

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Army Rugby League

R. Artillery Trounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpooyesterday, the Royal Artillery trouncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers ousting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Sappers scored in the first half, through Sheldrake, in the corner. Just before the half-time whistle Sappers were penalised inside their "25" line but Millar's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots were attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Sappers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Millar failed.

Gunners Superior

GUNNERS were too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touchline. But Gunners were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunners dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Eddison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunners, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards crossing the line near the posts.

Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association against Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 10:

Dankier (Scots); Roughley (Navy); Fraser (Scots) (Capt); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Middlesex); E. Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Herbert (Club).

Reserves—Lapely (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Horace (Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); Hendy (Police); Manager, Capt. R. E. Guest (Middlesex).

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Forward Weakness.

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony

in past years has depended on the

inclusiveness of the forward line.

This year, in particular, without the

aid of the Services, this has been the

main weakness—the inability to

obtain a combination that is

eminently desirable in an Inter-

port eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture

on their home ground, and this they

did when they beat Macao last year

2-1. Playing on their home ground,

Macao will be out to reverse that de-

cision, though this has not occurred

before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be

almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may

serve up a surprise. One only hopes

that these players will play up to

form and show that the confidence of

the Selectors has not been mis-

placed. The human element, of

course, must not be overlooked.

I will fully report the Interport

match next week.

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Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following:

Goal-keeper—C. C. Almada. Backs—R. Rosario and A. Basato.

Halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Alrosa and J. Santos Ferreira.

Forwards—P. Nolasco, Albert Alrosa, P. Angelo, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelo.

Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gustavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

Random Jottings

Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

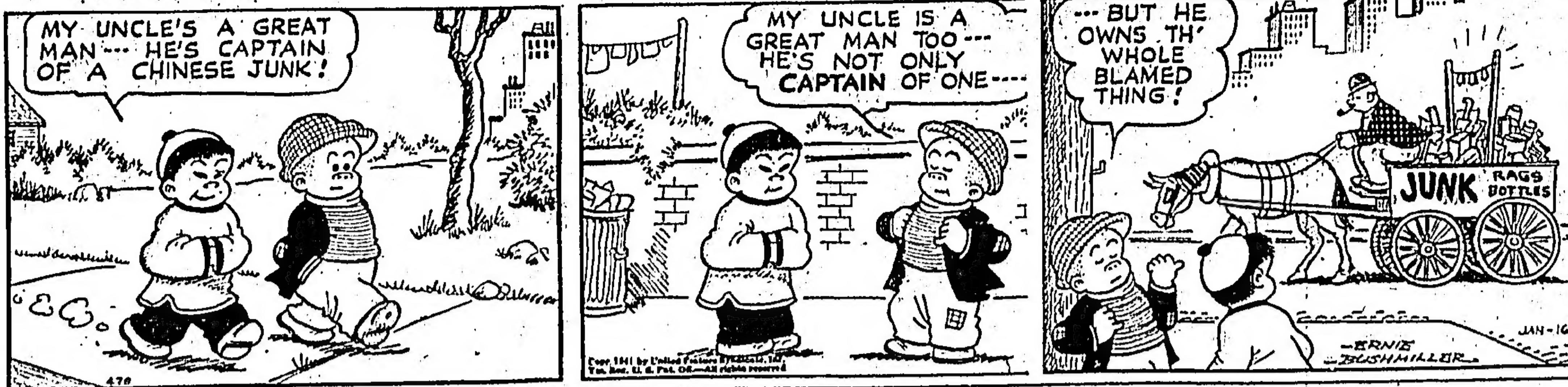
Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering.

He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selector's owe him an apology.

At this stage it is useless crying

NANCY**Konoye Calls Cabinet To Discuss Mediation Issue**

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting on March 6 as the French have again failed to hand in their reply to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

The report adds that the French failure is attributed by political observers to delayed discussions among the French delegates in Tokyo and not deliberate intention on the part of France to postpone or break up the mediation conference.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.

French Warned

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is reported that Mr Matsukiyama Saito of the Foreign Office visited the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry this afternoon and warned him that any delay in the French reply may bring about a serious situation. He said Japan was unwilling to extend the armistice period for a third time. However, the Japanese Government is hoping to receive the French reply by Thursday at the latest.

Talks Continue

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—The latest despatches from Tokyo report that the conversations between Ambassador Henry and Mr Matsukiyama have not been wholly completed and will continue to-morrow, if necessary. It is believed that the Japanese will prolong the armistice.

It is unofficially stated that the French would like to establish a special demilitarised zone in French territory, in which the Thailanders would not be allowed to plant troops or build fortifications.

FASCISTS IN SPAIN**Legal Privileges**

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Members of the National Council of the Falange (Fascist) Party have been given a privileged position with regard to the law, under a decree published to-day. The decree states that no National Councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the Party, unless caught in *flagrante delicto*, in which case the head of the Party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against National Councillors but only subject to the authorisation of the President of the Falange Political Board. Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by an order of special judicial authorities who are empowered under the new law to try them in cases other than *flagrante delicto*.

Hsu Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mr Hsu Shih-ying attended this afternoon's session of the People's Political Council, which he has been attending since Saturday. He said that it was nonsense to say he had been in Hongkong meeting anybody.

Prince Konoye Leaves Sickroom For Palace

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TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Dowell).—The Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, proceeded to the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Received in audience by the Emperor, the Premier reported to the Throne on political affairs under his jurisdiction.

FIRST PRIZE IN BOMBER FUND RAFFLE

The centre of attraction in the Gloucester Arcade these days, this Sunbeam-Talbot car, is the first prize in the Monster Raffle in aid of the Bomber Fund. Since Monday, Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, who donated the prize and arranged its display, have supervised the sale of tickets, many thousands of which have been sold in the Arcade by lady helpers.

GLASGOW CHEERS**King And Queen Visit Factories**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The King and Queen paid an eight-hour visit to Glasgow to-day and received a tremendous welcome.

The King talked to the dockers' leaders of the importance of handling ships quickly and was assured by the Secretary of the Scottish Transport Workers' Union that all their energies were directed to unloading ships in the shortest possible time.

"I am very glad to hear that. It is of vital importance these days," said the King.

Their Majesties visited the factories and inspected a big parade of A.R.P. personnel and Home Guard.

Vast crowds cheered them at all points in their drive round the city.

Netherlands East Indies**Women Must Register**

BATAVIA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—For the first time in her history, the Netherlands East Indies has begun registering women for compulsory services.

According to the Batavia radio, registration is compulsory for all female Dutch subjects, whether European or native, aged 18 to 55, having a primary schooling.

The idea is to prepare women for tasks to which they are suited and to which they may be allotted in an emergency.

Air Traffic

BATAVIA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Traffic between the Netherlands East Indies and Australia is gaining daily in significance, declares the Batavia radio, adding that all planes flying to Australia are full up until April 21.

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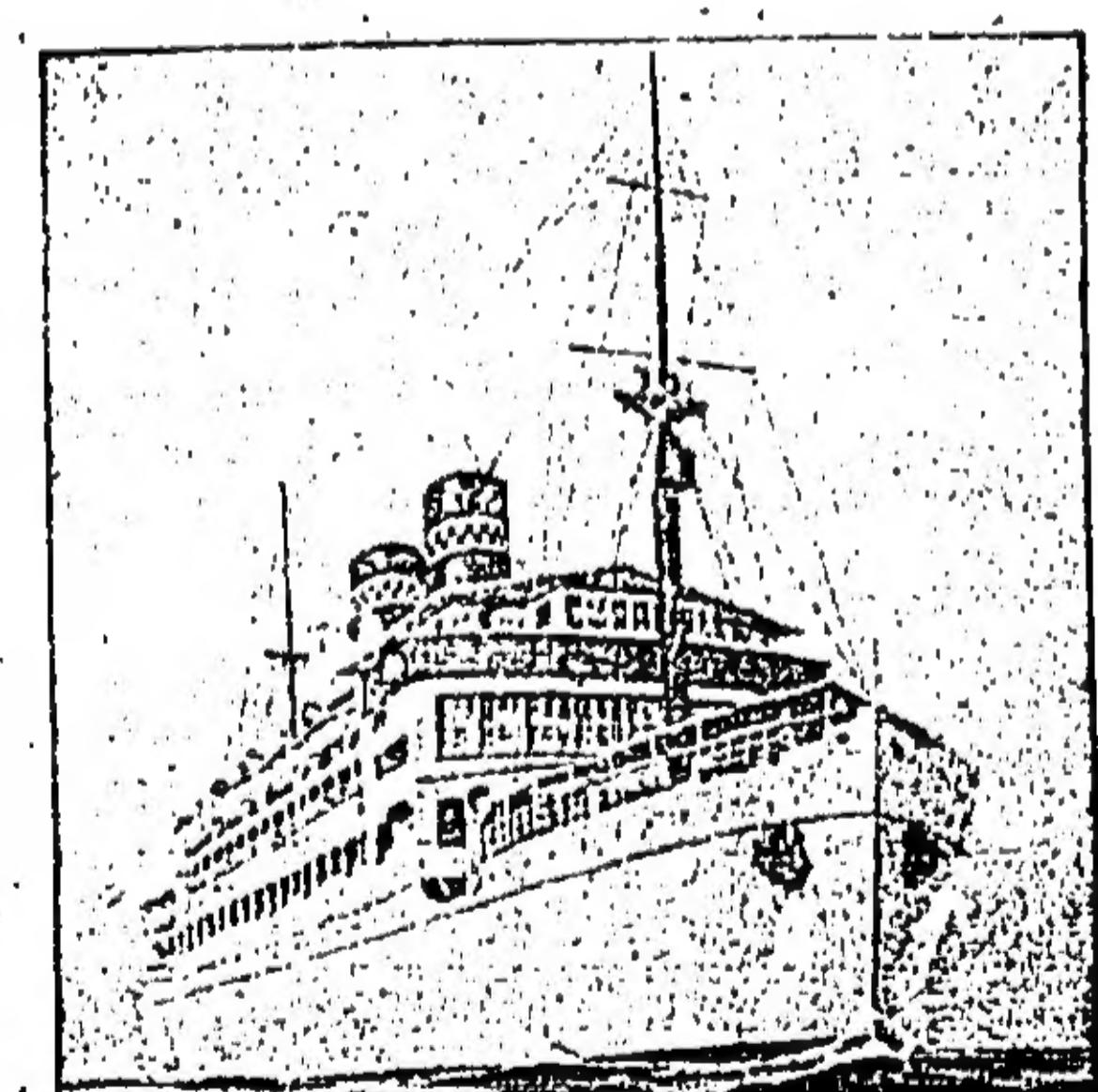
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Panama Bases For America

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PANAMA, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Panamanian Government has agreed to grant the United States air and anti-aircraft bases outside the Canal Zone for the defence of the Panama Canal in accordance with the long standing request from the United States.

English Harvest

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No one will be called up from farming for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, today. He said that this announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.

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First A.R.P. "Dictator" Resigns

Mr J. E. Arnold James, the Town Clerk of Stepney, E., was appointed in November last civil defence "dictator" of the borough.

Recently it was announced that he had resigned that post.

The Ministry of Home Security stated that Mr James had asked to be relieved of his duties as A.R.P. controller.

Mr W. Eric Adams, town clerk of Islington, N., had been appointed to exercise those functions.

Mr James became the first civil defence "dictator" when the Ministry of Home Security and Health, under the Defence Regulations, gave him full powers formerly exercised by the Stepney Borough Council Emergency Committee.

Mr James was thus able to take more direct action than was possible beforehand to deal with difficulties as the result of bombing.

He was a pioneer of the movement for bomb-proof shelters and arranged a transaction for raising the cost of construction without the sanction of the Home Office or County Council.

The transaction was upheld by the courts.

Eden's Novel Plan To Forestall Nazis

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In Athens to-day, according to the Athens radio.

He was joined there by King George of Greece.

Meeting Smuts

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Colonel Denys Reitz, Deputy Premier, said in a speech here to-day that before General Smuts, who arrived at Nairobi on Tuesday, returned south, he wanted once more to confer with Mr Eden and General Wavell.

Recalling General Smuts' previous visit north, Colonel Reitz said: "I do not know whether it is a case of cause and effect, but you will remember that almost immediately after the conference at Khartoum with Mr Eden and General Wavell there followed dramatic victories in Libya.

"We hope that equally valuable results will follow his present visit as regards the Italian 'catchment' in Abyssinia.

Mussolini the Misguided
"Mussolini the Misguided has once again hurled his armies into Africa, but Africa has responded as never before. This time Mussolini is not bombing and machine-gunning the natives, but has found before him the might of the British forces.

"Never before have the states of Africa been drawn closer together in a common cause to repel an aggressive foe."

ATTACK ON BOLOGNE

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Fighters near the British coast and six Spitfires were shot down.

Bombless Day

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No bombs have been dropped in any part of Britain during daylight to-day, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed last night, both by anti-aircraft fire.

Our Victims

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—During R.A.F. operations over France, one Messerschmitt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another was damaged, states the Air Ministry.

U-Boats May Attack Turkish Shipping

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reinforcements. It is not too late, however, to carry Voluna by a concerted Allied attack.

In the meantime, the Turks could help the Greeks by containing as many Germans and Bulgarians on their front as possible and perhaps after, if the opportunity offers, by advancing north of the Rhodope Mountains on Philippopolis.

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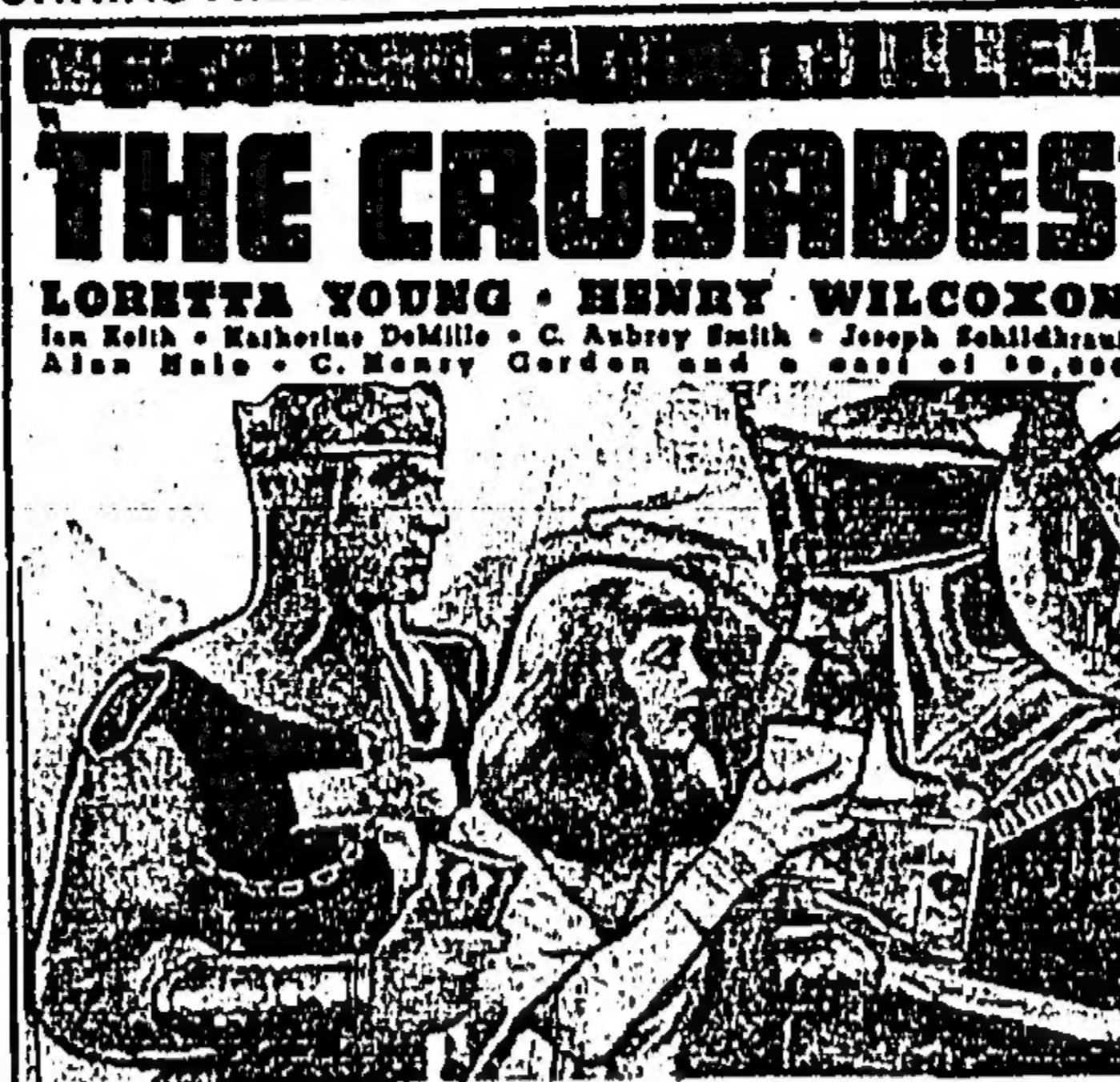
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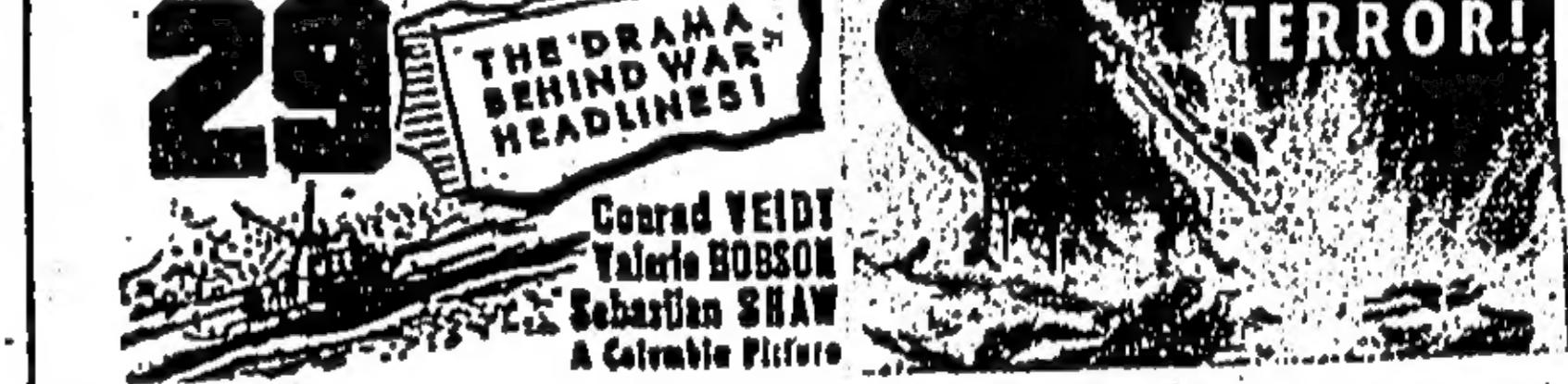


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